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Settlers receive another shock

JERUSALEM (JTA) —

The settlers movement, still reeling from the dramatic housing cuts announced last week, received another blow from the Israeli cabinet.

In its weekly meeting Sunday, the cabinet set up a committee to investigate the benefits received by settlers in the territories. The tax breaks, discount mortgages, and subsidized power and water that have drawn thousands of non-ideological Israelis to the settlements, are likely to be rescinded by the committee.

For their part, the settlers are planning campaigns to continue construction without government funding, and to fill up the many apartments built in the past two years which still lie vacant. Also under discussion are massive protests and legal challenges to the new government's policies.

Threats of violence were also being heard. Both Housing Minister Binyamin Ben-Eliezer and Finance Minister Avraham Shohat have received threatening phone calls. It was those two ministers who last week cancelled contracts and plans for 6,681 housing units in the territories.

Noam Federman, an activist with the extremist Kach movement, said if the government did not back down on its new policy, he "would not be surprised," if "people will be hurt, not only (Ben-Eliezer), but also other ministers."

A more moderate reaction was issued by Aharon Domb, the spokesman for the Jewish settlements in the territories. He said that no one intends to hurt the minister, and that the conflict would be carried out "in a public manner."

Ben-Eliezer said that attempts by settler leadership to dictate government priorities were futile.

"They used violent methods also during the Likud government. This will be no more," he told Israel Radio.

Ben-Eliezer met Sunday with a delegation of Jewish mayors from the territories.

"It was no picnic," said the mayors, after trying to persuade him that the announced $410 million cuts in spending on the territories was too drastic and worked contrary to the government's own policy. They were particularly upset by the government's decision to cancel several new roads. Even under the autonomy plan, those roads were necessary for strategic supervision of the West Bank, they said.

On the other end of the political spectrum, Labor's main coalition partner, Meretz, also voiced dissatisfaction with the government's building policy in the territories. The cuts were too minimal, Meretz argued.

Al Hamishmar, the daily newspaper of Meretz' Mapam faction, proclaimed in a banner headline, "Meretz will find it difficult to remain in the government, which builds housing units for yet another 50,000 settlers."

However, sources inside Meretz said the party had no intention of quitting the coalition because of the housing policy.

The freeze announced last week covered mostly units for which contracts have been signed but construction not yet begun and units only in the planning stages. It did not deal with another roughly 10,000 housing units already under way in the territories, which Meretz says could provide homes for another 50,000 settlers.

"We do not threaten that we shall not sit in the government," said Knesset Member Haim Oron, "but according to the guidelines of the new government, Meretz does not regard itself responsible for the settlement of 50,000 to 60,000 new settlers in Judea, Samaria and Gaza."

It seems likely, however, that the government will soon suspend work on thousands of apartments already under construction. More than 2,300 units at the foundation stages have been temporarily suspended, and it is expected that work will also be stopped on at least 1,600 units even further under way.

In accordance with Rabin's distinction between security and political settlements, construction was not frozen on 1,686 units in the greater Jerusalem area, including settlements such as Ma'aleh Ephraim, Efrat, Betar and Ma'aleh Adumim.

U.S. Secretary of State James Baker has put pressure on Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin for an early resumption of peace talks. [RNS photo/Reuters]

Renewal of peace talks catches Rabin off guard

JERUSALEM (JTA) —

A proposal to resume the Middle East peace talks in Washington next month has caught Israel off guard.

While Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin has stressed his desire to speed up the pace of negotiations, government sources said he would much prefer to stick to the schedule worked out before the talks adjourned in late spring. This called for the talks to resume in September in Rome.

Rabin was quoted as saying at a cabinet meeting on Sunday that Washington was "too far" and August "too near."

The change in venue from Rome to Washington was reportedly due to Italy's inability to guarantee necessary security arrangements in August, when half the city's policemen apparently take vacation.

But Israeli observers feel the proposed transfer back to Washington may be linked to U.S. Secretary of State James Baker's desire to continue overseeing the process even after he takes up his expected new role as manager of President George Bush's re-election campaign.

There is also a belief that the Bush administration wants to advance the talks in order to produce a major foreign policy success prior to the November elections.

After returning from a six-day tour of the Middle East, Baker said Saturday that the United States would like to see the talks resume August 10 in Washington.

That date is reportedly not to the liking of Rabin, who is scheduled to visit with Bush in Maine that week and would like an interval between that visit and the resumption of the peace talks.

Ministers were somewhat embarrassed Sunday by the turn of events. After all, the new Rabin government has laid heavy emphasis on its desire both to intensify and to speed up the peace process.

Minister of Agriculture Ya'acov Tsur and Minister of Health Haim Ramon both told newsmen that Israel wanted to comply with U.S. proposals for an early resumption of talks. Nevertheless, officials later made it clear that this desire to co-operate did not extend to moving the talks back to Washington.

The previous Israeli government put a premium on moving the talks close to the Middle East, for both symbolic and logistic reasons. The new government basically subscribes to the same reasoning. In fact, the logistical considerations take on even more urgency under the Rabin plan for the talks, given that the new prime minister wants the negotiating rounds to continue for several weeks on end.

Syria plans to attend

Previously, each round lasted at most 10 days — a schedule seen as a manifestation of the Likud government's desire to drag out the talks indefinitely. Long sessions in Rome, with periodic breaks for consultations at home, was seen by the new government as an efficient and convenient way to advance the talks.

On Sunday night amid the confusion, it seemed that if Baker insists on Washington as the venue and August as the time, Israel will probably not want to make an issue of it.

Also on Sunday, Syria announced it would attend the next round in Washington, putting further pressure on Israel to comply with the American plan.

"Clarifications are proceeding," a government source told the *Jewish Telegraphic Agency*. "Nothing is finalized, despite American statements."

Rabbis force divorcee to remain in Haifa

HAIFA (JPFS) —

The Haifa Rabbinical Court has forced a women to sign a commitment to remain in Haifa for the rest of her life as a condition for being granted a religious decree of divorce.

The 35-year-old woman, a Tel Aviv resident, married a Haifa man four years ago and moved there. About a year ago, the couple, parents of a daughter, decided to divorce.

The two approached the local district court to arrange a divorce settlement, but during the proceedings the man requested that the judge require the woman to remain in Haifa with their daughter for the rest of her life, as part of the divorce agreement.

The judge refused, noting that Israel is a democratic country and citizens are free to live where they choose.

When the case came before the rabbinical court, the man made the same request.

"The rabbis warned me that unless I wanted to be left with nothing, I'd better sign a commitment to remain in Haifa because my husband lived here; I want to return to Tel Aviv and start a new life."

The woman eventually offered to give up all rights to the couple's joint apartment in an attempt to get her husband to withdraw this demand. The court, however, continued to warn her that she might even lose her daughter unless she agreed to the husband's terms. In the end, she signed the commitment under protest.

The woman said several people had advised her to sign and then ignore the commitment, since no civil authority would ever try to enforce it. "But I don't want to have to look over my shoulder all the time, worrying that the rabbis will come after me," she said.

The head of the Haifa rabbinical court, Rabbi Moshe Atlas, refused to comment on the case, saying that to do so would violate the couple's right to privacy.

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Psychoanalysis on chopping block

OHIP plans to delist some health services to save money

By RON CSILLAG

TORONTO —

The Ontario Health Insurance Plan (OHIP), in an attempt to cut costs for a cash-strapped NDP government, is considering dropping 19 medical procedures from its list of insured services.

And the medical, especially the psychiatric, community is up in arms because among the procedures on the chopping block is psychoanalysis, which Queen's Park, in at least one memo, considers a "borderline cosmetic" service.

Psychiatrists and therapists agree that psychoanalysis, the most intensive and long-term form of psychotherapy, is neither borderline nor cosmetic, and that dropping it from OHIP coverage will ultimately hurt the people who require psychiatric treatment the most.

De-insuring "borderline cosmetic services" was raised at a meeting in Kingston last August of interprovincial medical directors. Many applauded the move as overdue and needed if soaring medical costs are to be contained.

But almost immediately, the hue and cry went out that the NDP was on the verge of creating the very two-tiered medical system — one for the rich and one for the poor — it had argued so passionately against.

Governments usually move at a snail's pace, but many health practitioners believe Bob Rae's debt-ridden NDP is serious about de-listing some services, and about the speed with which it is willing to do it.

The medical community points to electrolysis as an example. De-insuring the removal of excessive and unwanted body hair was first raised two years ago by the previous Liberal administration.

The NDP was elected in September, 1990. By November, 1991, electrolysis was off the list. In government, that's relatively fast.

In the medical community, it's felt that the Health Ministry dismissed electrolysis as a frivolous procedure women undergo to get rid of barely-visible moustaches, but many practitioners argue that irreversible, extensive facial and body hair can be emotionally crippling.

As a spokesman for the Canadian Organization of Professional Electrologists told *The CJN*, the government "is telling women to shave."

But the inclusion of psychoanalysis on a list of cosmetic services that include nose jobs "is just a mistake, a pure mistake. It's a joke around here," Dr. Robert MacMillan, executive director of the health ministry's health insurance division, told *The CJN*.

Nevertheless, OHIP *is* considering dropping psychoanalysis from its list of insured services for the same reason as other procedures may be dropped: to save money, MacMillan said.

The services Ontario is considering de-listing are not consistently insured by other provinces, MacMillan pointed out, adding that dropping them from coverage would not violate the federal Canada Health Act.

The proposals are currently "in discussion" within the Joint Management Committee, composed of representatives of government and the Ontario Medical Association. Final decisions could be "many months away."

And those decisions could be made unilaterally by Queen's Park if discussions with the medical community cannot resolve disputes, Ontario Medical Association president Dr. Michael Thoburn told *The CJN*.

While doctors continue to argue the pros and cons of de-insuring procedures which are largely cosmetic, virtually all medical practitioners agree that psychoanalysis is being "marginalized" by its inclusion on the list of services to be dropped by OHIP, Thoburn noted.

"There's a lot of misunderstanding" on the part of Queen's Park, he added.

Psychiatrists have begun a public campaign to dispel the government's view of psychoanalysis.

The Canadian Psychoanalytic Society, headquartered in Montreal, is calling on Ottawa to stop shifting health-care costs to the provinces, and is appealing to provinces to reject the de-insuring of psychoanalysis.

In Toronto, Dr. Anna Lisa Reisman is helping lead a drive to bring awareness of the potential problems of de-listing psychoanalysis to the public and to Queen's Park.

Patients who require psychoanalysis as part of their treatment usually see a psychiatrist between three and five times a week. De-insuring the service, she explained, would be fraught with dangers — just as many as if the government decided to discontinue coverage "halfway through an operation."

Reisman said Queen's Park is not targetting analysis specifically, but rather the frequency with which someone consults a psychiatrist. Thus, psychoanalysis is on the block because it is so intensive and requires many closely-scheduled sessions.

"The government may say they will cover one or two sessions a week, but not three or four," Reisman told *The CJN*. "They are looking at insuring by frequency of visits, not by the name of the therapy."

The disturbing irony there, she added, is that psychoanalysis treats those with severe and chronic emotional difficulties which make it nearly impossible for the patient to function effectively. It is often used when other forms of treatment have failed and for those who need it, is a life-saving medical procedure.

Studies have found that at any given moment, one person in five requires psychiatric services. Studies have also found that 20 percent of those in analysis have been sexually abused and 20 percent physically abused, Reisman said.

Another irony resulting from the de-insuring of psychoanalysis would be the flooding of clinics and hospital emergency rooms with patients unable to afford private treatment, Reisman warned. A further burdening of the system is not what the government wants.

A ripple effect of untreated patients would touch families, loved ones and employers, she added. If Queen's Park gets its way, psychoanalysis "would be a treatment for the rich."

Dr. Martin Barkin, a former deputy minister of health and now president of Deprenyl Research Ltd., said he feels OHIP should be tightening criteria for various medical procedures, and not eliminating coverage for them altogether.

"The whole point of the health care system is to deliver health care, not to save money," Barkin said.

He said that unless good arguments can be made for retaining coverage, the government will move to de-insure many services that could be medically required.

Circumcision, in vitro fertilization among 'borderline cosmetic' services

In addition to psychoanalysis, OHIP is looking at de-insuring the following "borderline cosmetic" services:

- sterilization, both male and female. Men would have to pay for a vasectomy; women for tubal ligations. For those with low incomes, paying for the procedure, which could include a hospital stay and anesthetic, would be an added burden. Doctors will doubtless fight to retain coverage for medically indicated tubal ligations.
- reversal of sterilization. Anyone who has been sterilized and changes his or her mind, perhaps in the course of a new marriage, would have to ante up.
- in vitro fertilization. OHIP now pays for a sizeable portion of procedures for couples who can't have children by natural means, but is considering dropping coverage for them altogether. Some doctors say this is especially disturbing, since many couples would have already begun the various procedures, which could be stopped mid-course.
- newborn circumcision. Even medically required circumcisions for babies would be de-insured. But Jews wanting a bris for a baby need not worry, says Dr. Yehudi Shields, a Toronto physician and mohel. Mohalim generally get a set fee for their service and a follow-up visit. The fee pays for the mohel's "expertise and time," Shields says. Those unable to pay for a bris are rarely, if ever, turned away.
- repair of torn earlobes. The ministry has already backtracked on this when it learned that in roughly 85 percent of cases, torn earlobes occur in instances of domestic violence. Women abused by their mates often turn up in hospital emergency rooms with their earrings torn out. Coverage in these cases will continue. Coverage for earlobes torn as a result of too-heavy earrings or for other non-traumatic reasons will be dropped.
- blepharoplasty, or repair of droopy or sagging eyelids. Again, usually done for cosmetic reasons. But doctors point to stroke and Bell's palsy victims, whose paralysis can leave one or both eyelids drooping, often so seriously that the eye can become completely hooded.
- septorhinoplasty, or nose jobs. Almost always done for cosmetic reasons and to be differentiated from surgery needed to correct bone spurs, injuries or deviations of the septum, or nasal passages.

Reduction medically required

- reduction as well as augmentation mammoplasty. Reducing or enlarging one's breasts is usually cosmetic. But in some cases, doctors say reduction is medically required.
- male mastectomy, benign. Many men get lumps in their breasts but rarely is the tumor malignant. If it isn't, the patient would be charged.
- panniculectomy, or the removal of a large fold of skin, or "apron," on the stomach of an obese person who has lost a lot of weight. Although rare, the procedure is sometimes required, doctors say, because skin underneath the flap can become infected.
- umbilectomy, or surgical removal of the navel. Done when rapid weight loss damages the muscles surrounding the navel.
- gastric bypass for morbid obesity. It's considered radical and dangerous but the surgery results in dramatic weight loss for those unresponsive to other treatments.
- sclerotherapy, or repair of varicose veins. Doctors say the government could see this in the same light as electrolysis. But varicose veins, they point out, can be debilitating, and the result of other diseases of the legs.
- dermabrasion, or the sanding down of the upper layers of the skin to remove scars and pockmarks. Borderline cosmetic to OHIP; necessary for the psychological wellbeing of many who need it, doctors counter.
- removal of tattoos. Tattoos are cosmetic in the first place. But removing them often involves expensive and painful laser surgery. Some in the medical community feel that those who want tattoos removed are mainly women who have a change of heart about their lifestyles. Others say homemade tattoos can be physically dangerous and are often a cry for help. However, OHIP will continue to cover removal of tattoos received as a result of war, such as those of concentration camp inmates.
- penile prosthesis for impotence. Again, many men would be unable to pay for surgery that would enable them to have an erection.
- sex reassignment surgery, or sex changes. For those who have undergone the procedure, it's no trivial matter. It's also very expensive, running into the tens of thousands of dollars over the course of several procedures. The psychological impact alone is staggering. Doctors say de-listing sex change operations would leave those unable to live with their bodies of birth even more miserable. Only the rich would be able to afford the surgery.

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Attending a reception co-sponsored by B'nai Brith and Israel Bonds are (from left) acting Israel consul-general Oren David; Janine and Allan Grossman, B'nai Brith/Bonds honoree; Israeli ambassador to Great Britain Yoav Biran; and dinner co-chairmen Henry Goldbach and Michael Rosenberg. [Arnold Machtinger photo] See Jewish newsmakers, page 22.

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Hungarian compensation comes under criticism

TORONTO —

Recent legislation enacted in Hungary to compensate victims of the Holocaust is far less generous than that offered for those persecuted by the post-war Communist regime, a Toronto lawyer with experience in Hungarian restitution claims says.

A survivor of a forced labor camp who lost 36 months of freedom could be eligible, at a rate of 11,000 forints (about $170 Cdn.) per month, for about 396,000 forints ($6,000) in compensation — and that in the form of Hungarian currency coupons which can be used only for the purchase at state auctions of previously nationalized state property, lawyer John Syrtash said.

Hungarian Jews deported to concentration camps after the German occupation of March 1944 could receive only about 132,000 forints ($2,000) worth of coupons, while their surviving spouses (if married during the war) are entitled to half that amount. No other relative is entitled to apply for compensation. By contrast, surviving spouses of the dead victims of Communist show trials "are being compensated to the extent of one million forints, or about $15,000," Syrtash said.

"The compensation package implies that the lives and pain of Hungarian Jews who suffered and died only because they were Jews is worth significantly less, or, for the death of a child, sibling or parent, worth nothing than if the deceased was a victim of Communist terror," Syrtash said.

Surviving spouses of Holocaust victims receive a death benefit in coupons equivalent to 50 percent of what that victim would have received had it been a case of loss of freedom, Syrtash said. The minimum would be compensation for two years of incarceration, forced labor or ghettoization, or the coupon equivalent of 132,000 forints ($2,000).

If the victim died during deportation, compensation for the surviving spouse is calculated at 50 percent of eight months (June 1944 to early 1945) for the coupon equivalent of 44,000 forints (roughly $700), unless the deceased suffered a longer period of lost freedom, in which case they receive an additional amount for each month in captivity.

"Shocking, isn't it," comments Syrtash.

For those whose family member was killed due to incarceration by Communists, the minimum compensation is calculated on the basis of three years loss of freedom.

The deadlines for filing claims for loss of freedom and for death benefits is Nov. 2.

Another recently-enacted piece of Hungarian legislation offers restitution for property lost between 1939 and 1949. Claims must be submitted by Oct. 6, though anyone making a claim for both lost property and loss of freedom should do so at the same time.

Properties that may be compensated in coupons include businesses, realty and precious stones to a maximum value of one million forints, the equivalent of about $15,000 (Cdn).

In addition to being used for the purchase of Hungarian state property, the compensation coupons can be sold at a discount to private brokers in exchange for cash, Syrtash said.

Surviving spouses and descendents are eligible to make lost property claims and documentation to support the claims may be found in Hungarian records or through testimony of witnesses.

Syrtash notes that claims for Hungarian benefits will not be reduced if someone is already receiving compensation from Germany.

People who lived in those areas of wartime Hungary that are now part of Romania or Slovakia are not compensated for loss of freedom unless they live in Hungary today.

When asked to comment on the compensation figures, Lajos Illich, Hungarian consul in Toronto, said they appeared accurate but that every case is different and that the length of incarceration or type of mistreatment must be examined to determine the actual compensation.

For more information, Syrtash recommends you contact the Hungarian consulate, embassy or a competent lawyer.

KKK trial continuing

By MYRON LOVE

WINNIPEG —

The trial of three Manitobans, alleged members of the Ku Klux Klan (KKK), is going to take a lot longer than was originally expected.

The trial began on Monday, June 22, in Manitoba Provincial Court before Judge Wesley Swail. The accused are William James Harcus, 21, the self-confessed Klan leader in Manitoba, Theron Skryba, 25, and Joseph Edward Lockhart, 28.

They were arrested in December following a police undercover operation and charged with advocating genocide against blacks and other minority groups under Section 318 of the Criminal Code, the first time this charge has been laid in Canada. They are also charged with tampering with a gay hotline and Lockhart and Skryba face charges of possessing unlicensed firearms.

The trial has benn adjourned until September. If the accused are convicted, they face a maximum penalty of six months in jail and/or fines on each of the charges. They are currently free on bail.

Keren Hayesod leaders meet

MOSCOW —

"We are the generation of redemption. We have witnessed the reawakening with our own eyes."

With these words Julia Koschitzky of Toronto concluded her remarks at the emotion-filled closing event of the Keren Hayesod (World United Appeal) at the Great Synagogue of Moscow.

Two-hundred Keren Hayesod leaders from countries around the world participated, from June 14 to 18, in a program decribed as "an unforgettable experience" in a country which has gone through radical change.

A Canadian delegation of communal and campaign leaders participated.

In her remarks, Koschitzky recalled the visit to the Israel Embassy, where many people were filling out visa applications. "Standing there, with the young and the old, reminded me of Elie Wiesel's frequent visits to the Soviet Union," she said.

"He would return to tell us about the Jews he had met. They pleaded with him — Ferges unz nicht — Don't forget us . . . Wiesel was never a pessimist about Russian Jews. He always said: 'Something will happen. There will be a re-awakening.' Now we've come to see it with our own eyes."

Koschitzky said that the four days in Russia brought into focus the past, the present and the future, "We were harshly reminded of the pogroms, the repressive Pale of Settlement, the years after World War II when our people were sealed off from Jewish life, the days when the Refuseniks were about our central concern.

Julia Koschitzky, right, speaks with a Russian Jew who is applying to make aliyah to Israel, at the Israel Embassy. Also listening is Henry Koschitzky.

"But we were uplifted by the renaissance of Jewish life," she added. "By Torah study, by the reality of Israel in the minds of Russian Jews."

A visit to a youth camp site, an hour's drive from Moscow, made a deep impression. Two hundred young men and women were being trained to serve as "madrichim" (counsellors) in 20 summer camps for 9,000 Jewish youth, which were about to begin all over the CIS. There were Israeli songs and dances and flags. When a group of them were asked how many want to go on aliyah to Israel, virtually everyone raised their hands. The camp is run by the Jewish Agency, from funds raised by the UIA/UJA/CJA campaigns.

Koschitzky said the experience in Russia must motivate all participants "to do everything we can to insure the success of immigrant absorption in Israel.

"This is a time in Jewish history in which we will be judged by our leadership," she told the Keren Hayesod delegates. "Let us be worthy of it."

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CJN Exclusive

Ralphy Jhirad

To a North American Jew, the Jewish community of India represents an intriguing blend of the exotic and the familiar. Legend has it that the Bene Israel community, which comprises over 90 percent of the 7,000-member Indian Jewish community, is made up of the descendents of seven Jewish couples who were shipwrecked off the coast of India about 2,000 years ago.

The community remained isolated from world Jewry for 1,600 years until a Jewish traveller to India became aware of the remnants of their heritage: the women lit candles on Friday night and bought only fish with fins and scales, and all life cycle events were accompanied by the recitation of a portion of the Shema, which had been passed orally from generation to generation.

Raphael (Ralphy) Jhirad, 31, director of ORT India, and a Bene Israel Jew, spoke to CJN reporter Frances Krafi on a recent visit to Toronto about his home community.

CJN: *What are your priorities as director of ORT India?*

Jhirad: The first priority consists of our high technology courses, and the second is Jewish education. We have six hours per week of Jewish education as part of the curriculum.

CJN: *What percentage of your students are Jewish?*

Jhirad: Over 60 percent of the full-time day students. We have 100 percent Jewish students for many of our part-time courses, which are oriented toward the Jewish community.

We have a 10-month afternoon course for married Jewish women who did not complete their education. We give them basic classes in hairdressing, beauty care, and cooking. This enables them to earn a second salary for the family.

CJN: *How common is it for Jewish women to enter professions such as medicine and law?*

Jhirad: You'll be happy to know that Indian Jewish women have excelled in a few fields, such as education and medicine. I can think of at least seven Jewish women who are doctors.

CJN: *How typical is that for the Jewish community?*

Jhirad: It's normal for Indian Jewish families to have education, career and employment.

CJN: *How is it, then, that ORT is the only Jewish school? Maybe this is a misconception, but I thought that ORT schools are for children from a disadvantaged background.*

Jhirad: In the early years of ORT, this was the case. Disadvantaged families used to come to ORT, but today I have students whose parents are businessmen and lawyers. I also have students from economically weaker backgrounds, but still middle-class.

CJN: *We hear a lot about the poverty in India. How is the Jewish community affected?*

Jhirad: Definitely the Jewish population is above the poverty line. I would say we can be classified as higher middle class. That means we are able to have basic amenities, which are food, clothing and shelter, and we also have employment and education.

Organizations like Joint (American Joint Distribution Committee) and ORT are making efforts to make sure the community becomes self-sufficient.

CJN: *Are you saying that the Indian Jews were not self-sufficient until now?*

Jhirad: Yes. The basic self-sufficiency came from agriculture, and as you know, agriculture is comparably uncertain in India. Giving them vocational training was the key to stabilizing their family economics.

CJN: *How many have the wherewithal to travel? Is it within reach of Indian Jews?*

Jhirad: Definitely. In the last five to six years, over 400 Jewish young people have been able to go to Israel on visits. We have a program for young people called Study Tour of Israel.

CJN: *How much Jewish life is there outside of Bombay?*

Jhirad: Over 5,500 of the 7,000 Jews live in and around Bombay. Most of the others live in villages not far from Bombay.

The rest are in cities such as Pune, Delhi and Calcutta. In Delhi we have only about 15 Jewish people. In Calcutta there would be about 40 families.

CJN: *Are the villages exclusively Jewish?*

Jhirad: They are mixed.

Our families have derived names from these villages. For example, the name of the village where my family came from is Jhirad.

Most have moved to Bombay because of employment opportunities. When ORT was established in Bombay, it brought many children of

Jewish families there for their education.

CJN: *Tell me about your synagogues.*

Jhirad: The Bene Israel synagogues are much more compact than the tall structures of Iraqi synagogues in India. Iraqi synagogues typically have a tower which can be seen from far away.

In Bombay there are 10 synagogues, of which nine are Orthodox. Some are able to accommodate 1,500 people for prayers. The community used to be much larger.

CJN: *Why has the community become so small?*

Jhirad: Until 1948 the community was growing, but the moment the State of Israel was established, people left out of the spirit of aliyah and the Zionism in their hearts. Then when Jerusalem was [reunited in 1967], the largest immigration took place.

The number of Jews now leaving the country is just over 200 every year. Most of them go to Israel, but we have Jews from our community in England, Australia, the United States and Canada.

CJN: *What do you see as the future of the Jewish community in India? Do you see it continuing to be viable?*

Jhirad: Definitely. Not only viable, also prosperous. Education as a priority has brought higher standards and higher achievements for the next generation.

International organizations such as ORT have enabled the community to get high technology training which has now changed their employment patterns.

CJN: *What do most of the members of the Indian Jewish community do for a living?*

Jhirad: Most are in civil service. Some are in business, although the number of people who own their own businesses is much fewer than what is the Jewish trend in other parts of the world.

Many have excelled as lawyers, engineers. The assistant commissioner of police in Bombay is Jewish.

CJN: *How observant is the community?*

Jhirad: The community is very traditional. We have kosher meat available. We have trained shochets. The community has no permanent local rabbi, but has a visiting rabbi from North America.

CJN: *Since you don't have a permanent rabbi, how many synagogues are functioning?*

Jhirad: All of the synagogues in Bombay are functioning. The synagogues which are not functioning are those in remote villages which have been given to the community to use as libraries and things like that.

CJN: *How much of a problem is anti-Semitism in India?*

Jhirad: Zero, or it might even be more appropriate to say they are pro-Jewish.

CJN: *Are there exclusively Jewish areas in Bombay, or are the neighborhoods mixed?*

Jhirad: The neighborhoods are mixed, but there have been blocks which are Jewish. It's bound to happen.

There are also streets which are named after famous Jewish people like Dr. E. Moses, who was the first Jewish mayor of Bombay over 60 years ago.

CJN: *Assimilation and intermarriage are big issues in the North American Jewish community. Are they concerns for Indian Jews as well?*

Jhirad: I think we are not so badly affected. Maybe six percent of the population is affected. Most of my close friends would never marry a non-Jew.

We have a good record at ORT. That's because the students get exposed to aliyah, Israel, Jewish values, and they get an opportunity to meet Jewish partners. That's important.

CJN: *How did you and Yael meet? (Ralphy and Yael Jhirad were married a year and a half ago.)*

Jhirad: Ours was an arranged marriage. There is a large proportion of arranged marriages, but the good thing is that the couple is given a chance to consent or not.

CJN: *How does an arranged marriage work in India?*

Jhirad: In our case, someone who knew both our parents brought to the notice of Yael's parents that I am probably a good match for their daughter, and likewise told my parents that she would be a good match for me. Both the parents, without our knowledge, approved the families.

Then we were told about each other and brought to meet each other, and then we considered each other. So after the family consented, each of us had to consent [or the engagement would not have taken place]. This custom is taken from Indian society.

CJN: *Do young people date? If you had met Yael and liked her, would you have called her up and asked her to go out for coffee or to see a movie?*

Jhirad: No, no. Some people do, but not many.

CJN: *What is a Jewish wedding like in India?*

Jhirad: An Indian Jewish wedding ceremony is one hour long. There are certain parts which are unique to us. When the bride enters, the groom reads a portion called Nava Mikol which is not read by Western Jewish people. The custom was started by our forefathers to describe the beauty of Jerusalem to the bride, comparing the beauty of the holy city with the beauty of the bride.

In Indian Jewish weddings the bride's father offers sugar to the bride and groom as a symbol of sweetness. The groom also gives the bride a gold necklace as part of the ceremony.

After the ketubah is given to the bride, the groom's parents are given cloth, like shirting or suiting, to cover their backs. It's an honor given by the closest family members, like the sisters or brothers of the father.

CJN: *Is a dowry part of the package when it comes to Jewish weddings in India?*

Jhirad: Not at all. We have, I think, picked up good things from the Indian community and left those which we would not be interested in.

CJN: *What are some of the good things that you've picked up from the Indian community?*

Jhirad: Hospitality is wonderful with Indian people. Respect of the elders. Unity in the family. Normally, three generations live together. For example, my parents live with us, and now we have a son, so there are three generations living together. It is an Indian custom that after marriage the bride goes to her husband's family. Nowadays, though, there are Indian Jewish families whose children get married and have their own house, separate from the parents.

I like that my parents are with us. When children are born, the presence of grandparents is of tremendous help. Family values and cultures are transferred from one generation to the other, which is a strength.

I think we are happy people even though we are not wealthy to your standards here.

Ethnic coalition heading to Quebec

By DAVID LAZARUS

MONTREAL —

After spreading its national unity message across Canada over the last year and a half, the Jewish, Italian and Greek constitutional coalition is planning to let their respective constituents finally have their say on home turf at a special conference Sept. 20 in Montreal.

Michael Crelinsten, Quebec executive director of the Canadian Jewish Congress, said the all-day conference, to take place at the Hellenic community centre at Cote Ste. Catherine Road and Wilderton Avenue, will try to "continue the exchange" which began when the coalition was formed to broaden the constitutional debate beyond the "polarized" French-English sphere into cultural communities.

Since February, 1991, the coalition has visited the major regions of Canada and has met with their own communities' grassroots and political leadership.

The coalition has been delivering a strongly federalist message. But it also has been trying to convey Quebec's concerns. The coalition has endorsed the concept of Quebec as a "distinct society" and supported the preservation of the province's French character, all within a pluralistic framework.

The coalition also met with aboriginal groups and has called for settlement of their land claims.

The conference will be taking place at a deliberately timely and critical moment, Crelinsten noted, since it is scheduled to take place just five weeks prior to the slated Oct. 26 Quebec referendum on sovereignty.

Although informal "conversations" have taken place, Crelinsten said the conference will mark the first real opportunity for Quebec's Jewish, Italian and Greek grassroots to take part in an open meeting similar to the ones staged by the coalition in other parts of Canada. Quebec, after all, he said, is where the consequences of the constitutional debate will be "most dramatic. It's time for the broader consulation with our own communities."

The morning session will be private, but the public is welcome to participate in the afternoon "exchange" to assess the "current status of the debate."

The conference will also feature a keynote speaker and a dinner for cultural community leadership. Representatives from other parts of Canada are invited to attend.

Despite its low visibility of late, Crelinsten said the coalition is "very healthy" and that it continues to share a lot of common ground on the constitutional issues.

If the coalition has been less active recently, Crelinsten said, it has been due to the fact that the "debate has changed so much, we want to see how it will stabilize."

It is partly for that reason, he said, that the coalition also has delayed one of the most important parts of its agenda: to meet with Quebec business leaders and population outside Montreal.

That was originally planned for late spring, but Crelinsten said those meetings might not take place until this fall, perhaps while "in the throes of the referendum debate."

The revised timing of the meetings outside of Montreal also has taken into account the "[provincial] government's changed agenda" as well as simple questions of "logistics and resources," Crelinsten said.

Crelinsten declined to speculate on whether the provincial government, which had indicated to the coalition that it would help "open doors" for it as it crossed the province, was now cooperating less fully than had been hoped.

But he maintained that in general, Premier Robert Bourassa has been "very supportive" of the coalition's objectives.

The coalition, however, is anxious to get the show on the Quebec road.

"If the future of Quebec's participation in confederation is at stake," he said, "then it is time to go."

Tabloid comes under fire

MONTREAL —

The country's two main Jewish organizations are hoping that Canada Customs will declare as hate propaganda a Holocaust denial publication that was mailed out less than two weeks ago to hundreds of Jewish institutions and their leaders' homes.

Canadian Jewish Congress and B'nai Brith estimated that several hundred copies of the American-based *The Phoenix Liberator* — postmarked in Montreal — were mailed out mostly to Montreal addresses, but also to some in Toronto and Vancouver.

The professional-looking tabloid was characterized by B'nai Brith's Jonathan Schneiderman as being published by a bizarre "ideological church." Articles in various editions deny the Holocaust and/or speak of an international Jewish conspiracy to control the media and banking system.

Besides a post office box in Champlain, New York, under the name America East Publishers, copies of *The Phoenix Liberator* received in Montreal also had stickers listing a Montreal phone number: 861-7882.

The publications were apparently physically smuggled across the border or sent by mail into Canada to a Montreal address.

CJC and BB said they fielded dozens of calls as a result of the mailing. In Montreal, where the vast majority were received, recipients included the Jewish Hospital of Hope and the Weizmann Institute of Science.

But they also included the private homes of organizational presidents and executive directors, and CJC and BB, which are cooperating on the case, were both at a loss to explain just how whoever did the mailing — all on hand-addressed labels — got their hands on such a list.

CJC and BB, as well as some of the recipients, have filed formal complaints with police over the mailing, and officials from the two organizations said they are taking the incident very seriously.

Ideally, they want to see the material declared as hate propaganda by Canada Customs, a branch of Revenue Canada, which could allow specific material to be barred.

But CJC and BB also would like to see the case pursued vigorously by police, the Crown prosecutor and by provincial Justice Minister Gil Remillard, to see whether there are grounds to prosecute. Possible charges could include propagating hate or spreading false news, both criminal offences in Canada.

However, Ian Kagedan, director of government relations for B'nai Brith in Ottawa, did not know how likely this would be in light of what he termed as an apparent unwillingness by Quebec authorities to take such episodes seriously.

(Several incidents in Quebec over the last year involving the Ku Klux Klan distributing its literature in the province resulted in one simple conviction for smuggling undeclared goods and a $300 fine).

That, Kagedan suggested, in conjunction with recent pronouncements by Public Security Minister Claude Ryan that the law would allow a peaceful neo-Nazi rally under the principles of free speech and assembly, could well be sending out signals that Quebec is a place where racists can conduct business unfettered by authorities.

Jedwab, while acknowledging the difficulty prosecutors may have in proving "hate," said the material could still fall under the "false news" category and that CJC's Quebec region would be working closely with police to determine how to prevent further distribution of the material and whether prosecution is possible.

Kagedan said that in practical terms, the justice system has to be more willing to pursue these cases since "short of checking every car trunk," it would not be possible to block or bar all such material at the border.

"This really has to be taken more seriously," he said. "It's been a frustration. Quebecers recognize the dangers of racism and part of its being a 'distinct society' has to be to show an abhorrence of racism.

"They have a post office box and phone number. What more do they need to deal with this?" — D.L.

Telephone injunction sought

By PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —

The Canadian Human Rights Commission (CHRC) will ask a Federal Court judge to impose a temporary injunction on a telephone message line operated by the white-supremacist Heritage Front.

The injunction, if successful, will shut down the telephone line pending resolution of a hearing in October, said CHRC spokesman Sally Southey.

"We find [the telephone line offers] hate propaganda and it should be stopped as soon as possible," she said.

The move was welcomed by Canadian Jewish Congress. "Racists groups like the Heritage Front are an unwanted pimple on the face of Canadian society," said David Satok, chairman of community relations for Congress. "We will work with the human rights commission to rid society of such intolerance," he said.

The complaint against the Heritage Front and its spokesman Wolfgang Droege was laid by Rodney Bobiwash, anti-racism co-ordinator of the Native Canadian Centre.

The telephone messages were recorded by Congress which has provided Bobiwash with transcripts. Some messages refer to Bobiwash as a "dishonorable man" and "this cigar store idiot."

CJC plans Israel, Poland mission

MONTREAL —

Professor Irving Abella has announced that Canadian Jewish Congress is embarking upon a program in which it hopes to send a delegation of as many as 400 people to Poland and Israel next April to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Warsaw ghetto uprising.

On April 19, 1943, SS stormtroopers broke into the Warsaw ghetto, but encountered bitter resistance from the youth of the ghetto. With meagre weapons they fought on for 28 days; for most of those resisting, their fate was death.

Abella, who began his term as CJC's 13th president last month, says the trip will be organized by the national Holocaust remembrance committee of Congress along with regional Holocaust committees. Other co-sponsors will be disclosed soon.

Preliminary plans call for the CJC delegation to leave Canada on or about April 14, 1993 and spend 5 or six days in Poland. A series of activities will be organized, including visits to the former death camps, memorial services, meetings with members of the Polish Jewish community and government officials. They will be in Treblinka for what promises to be an emotional Yom Hashoah service.

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New leader at Keren Hayesod

By LEORA FRUCHT

JERUSALEM —

After 15 years as chairman of the world board of trustees of Keren Hayesod — United Israel Appeal, Torontonian Phil Granovsky handed his position over to Julia Koschitzky, president of UIA-Canada during a recent board meeting held in Jerusalem.

Granovsky, who is credited with winning increased clout for Diaspora fundraisers during his tenure at Keren Hayesod, was honored by his colleagues at a festive dinner in Jerusalem hosted by Mendel Kaplan, chairman of the Jewish Agency board of governors.

During his address, Granovsky reviewed some of the highlights in his term as chairman of the board of trustees, the main policy-making body of Keren Hayesod (KH). The worldwide organization, headquartered in Jerusalem, raises funds for the Zionist movement in all countries except the United States. These funds finance the Jewish Agency's operations in immigrant absorption, education, and urban renewal.

Granovsky recalled that when he assumed his position in 1977, Diaspora fundraisers had little say in the decisions of Keren Hayesod, with Zionist leaders instead exercising near complete control over the organization's affairs and appointments. Granovsky was instrumental in granting Keren Hayesod greater independence from the Jewish Agency, reforming the composition of the KH board to include 50 percent fundraisers among its members, and winning the organization a greater say in Jewish Agency appointments.

Granovsky also recalled being the first Diaspora leader to accept the challenge put forth by Menachem Begin when the then-prime minister proposed launching Project Renewal, an ambitious nationwide urban renewal scheme.

During the dinner in Granovsky's honor, former Knesset Speaker Shlomo Hillel, world chairman of Keren Hayesod, called Granovsky "a guiding father and spiritual leader to all of us."

Charles Bronfman said that "the feisty" Granovsky "has served Keren Hayesod probably better and with more heart and more soul than any other leader in the history of this great organization."

On the lighter side, referring to Granovsky as "the king of schnorrers," Mendel Kaplan said that the man was driven by a deep sense of social justice for his people.

Chairman of the executive of the Jewish Agency, Simcha Dinitz, noting that Granovsky will remain on the Agency's executive, urged him to "continue giving us trouble, keeping us alert and leading us to even greater deeds."

Granovsky — who will serve as honorary president of the Keren Hayesod board of trustees — said that he was proud to be succeeded by Julia Koschitzky, whom he described as an outstanding leader.

In accepting the position, Koschitzky pointed to the ceremonial gavel handed to her by Granovsky, and said she would "use this gavel to knock on a lot of doors." Calling Granovsky her personal mentor, she lauded him for his "ability to evoke respect, love and admiration from the Jewish people around the world."

Koschitzky, also of Toronto, maintained that "Jewish needs cannot be put on hold" and added that "our challenge is never to allow the needs to outstrip our response."

Also present at the tribute to Granovsky were American Jewish leader Shoshana Cardin, Member of Knesset Eliayahu Ben-Elissar and his wife Nitza, Canadian delegates to the Board of Governors meeting, heads of the United Jewish Appeal, and senior Jewish Agency officials.

"I am going to use this gavel to knock on a lot of doors," said Julia Koschitzky of Toronto upon succeeding Phil Granovsky, also from Toronto, as Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Keren Hayesod — World United Israel Appeal. [Reuven Rosenfelder photo]

Standing outside the Canada Centre in Metulla are, from left: Joan Mouland, Bob Speller, Rolf Calhoun, Ruth Archibald, Shalom Cohen, Clarice Jourdenais, Maurizio Bevilacqua, Anne Cools, mayor of Metulla, Paul Marleau, Rob Ritter, Fernan Jourdenais (kneeling), David Walker, Debra Walker, Diane Marleau, Karen and Jim Prentice.

MPs remain optimistic over peace prospects following trip to Israel

JERUSALEM —

A delegation of Canadian politicians returned recently from their first visit to Israel with a sense of optimism about peace prospects, confusion over the complexities of the Arab-Israeli conflict, and pride in a Canadian-funded recreational centre near the Lebanese border.

The 10-day trip, in which participants travelled from Metulla to Massada, and met with high-level Israeli politicians, military personnel and a Palestinian representative, was sponsored by the Canada-Israel Committee.

MP Diane Marleau (Lib.-Sudbury) called the trip a "big eye-opener in terms of demonstrating the security threats that Israel faces every day." She noted that while an Israeli army general was addressing the delegation, his beeper went off, alerting him to reports of a sniper. "This kind of erratic terror is something so far removed from my personal experience in Canada," she said.

On the other hand, a stroll through Bethlehem left several of the delegates perplexed. "I expected to see trouble in the streets and confrontations with soldiers because that's what we see all the time in the media," said Bob Speller (Lib.-Haldiman-Norfolk). "But in fact, it was very quiet there; the soldiers blended in."

The presence of machine gun-wielding soldiers in the streets of cities evoked compassion from Speller who said he was "touched and impressed by the youngsters' sense of duty and love of country. I'd like to see such a love of one's country more often in Canadian youth."

"A year of compulsory service in Canada might produce young people who cared more about their country," added Jim Prentice, national treasurer of the Progressive Conservative party.

But the presence of Israeli soldiers made Fernan Jourdenais "nervous." The Conservative MP for La Prairie, Quebec, felt it was indicative of how much "fighting is always on people's minds here." Noting that the Jews "have been fighting ever since the days of the Romans," Jourdenais said his advice to Israelis is "to stop fighting and have more faith in God."

Both Jourdenais and Speller said that it had been moving for them to visit various Christian holy sites. Speller commended the Israeli government for "taking as much care of Christian sites as it does Jewish ones."

The MP added that criticism sometimes levelled at Israel on this point is entirely unjustified. "Having travelled around the world, I have seen countries that do neglect holy sites; Israel is not one of them," he declared.

Maurizio Bevilacqua, who represents one of Canada's largest Jewish ridings (York North), said he was deeply impressed by "the spirit of the Israeli people," describing them as "a people with a mission." "Anyone with even a little sensitivity can't help but feel the dynamic spirit here," he said. "Projects, such as the absorption of Ethiopian and Russian Jews, are testimony to a people who care about humanity," he added.

Felix Holtmann (PC-Portage-Interlake, Manitoba) said the visit had left him with a greater appreciation of Israel's geographic situation. "In Canada we've got so much land we don't have to fight over it. "But down here there's not much real estate to begin with," he quipped.

After a visit to the Golan Heights, Holtmann felt that "Israel should not withdraw from this area as long as Syria remains hostile." Bob Speller also sympathized with Israel's reluctance to withdraw from the Golan Heights, saying, "you can't sit in a valley like that with the enemy right above you." But Speller added that "the other side feels the same way. It's a thorny issue."

On the question of whether Diaspora Palestinians should participate in the multilateral refugee talks — an issue on which Canada and Israel are sharply divided — Speller supported the Canadian government position. "The problem of these refugees must be addressed and Diaspora Palestinians should take part in these talks," he said.

Ruth Archibald, former chief of staff to, Minister Barbara McDougall, agreed. She suggested, however, that the policy of the new Labor-led government in Israel might be different than that of its predecessor regarding this issue.

Archibald said that she felt a great sense of optimism in Israel — a view expressed by virtually all members of the delegation. And, echoing another widely shared opinion, she said that "the situation here is more complicated than anybody could possibly believe."

A highlight of the trip cited by many was the visit to the Canada Centre in Metulla. The recreational facility near the Lebanese border was funded by Canadian Jewry through the United Israel Appeal of Canada. "Seeing topnotch Russian immigrant figure skaters training on a rink in Israel, with the Canadian flag flying above, was a sight we won't easily forget," said one delegate.

Other members of the delegation included David Walker (Lib. - Winnipeg North Centre); Senator Anne Cools (Liberal, Ont.) and Terrie O'Leary, chief of staff for Liberal MP Paul Martin. The delegation was led by CIC national executive director Rob Ritter.

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Kosher ruling upsets Jews

NEW YORK (JTA) —

Jewish groups are dismayed at the recent New Jersey Supreme Court ruling that government regulation of the kosher food industry violates the constitutional separation of church and state.

The decision directly affects only New Jersey, but is expected to have wide ramifications in the 16 other states in which the government monitors the preparation and sale of kosher food. Similar suits are likely to be brought in many of those other states.

In a 4-3 decision, the New Jersey court found that while the state is compelled to prevent fraud, the regulations "plainly violate" both state and federal constitutional prohibitions against the establishment of religion.

Justice Alan Handler, writing for the majority, said that the current regulations require government involvement in areas that should not be under its purview.

The regulations allow the state to determine whether food is prepared "in strict compliance with what the state itself believes to be the laws and customs of the Orthodox Jewish religion."

In that respect, continued Handler, "the regulations do not police the nutritional, quality or sanitary purity of kosher food, but only its religious purity. In doing so, they create an unconstitutional entanglement of government and religion."

This entanglement is illustrated by the fact that the people hired to enforce the regulations are clerical leaders, according to the decision. The chief of the state's Bureau of Kosher Enforcement is an Orthodox rabbi and the bureau's advisory committee is made up of 10 rabbis — one Conservative and the rest Orthodox.

Any disagreements that involved the regulations "call inescapably on the state to assume a religious role," wrote Handler.

The suit that led to the decision was filed by a kosher market, Ran-Dav's County Kosher, in Linden, N.J. The market filed suit after New Jersey's Bureau of Kosher Enforcement charged its owner, Arthur Weisman, with violations on five inspections between 1987 and 1989.

A trade group, the New Jersey Alliance of Kosher Caterers, joined Weisman in the suit.

Ran-Dav's owner claimed that his products were kosher according to the standards set by their own supervising Orthodox rabbi, Harry Cohen.

Some observers said the court's ruling opens the door to the development of new standards of kashrut, such as Conservative and Chassidic, in addition to the "mainstream Orthodox" standard regulated by the state.

Skippy-dipping in Israel

NEW YORK (JTA) —

For years, Americans living in Israel have asked visitors from their home country to smuggle in peanut butter, citing the inferior taste and consistency of the Israeli versions of the staple food.

But all that may soon change.

Last month, CPC International Inc., a giant food concern whose brands include Skippy peanut butter, as well as Hellman's mayonnaise and Mazola margarine, bought a 51 percent stake in Israel Edible Products Ltd., also known as Tami.

Gale Griffin, a spokeswoman for CPC, said the New Jersey-based company had not yet decided what to do with its new Israeli operation.

"We're always interested in expanding into markets where we think there's the possibility for growth, and Israel is one of them," said Griffin.

Also undecided is whether Skippy-brand humous and tehina will soon grace American supermarket shelves.

Westerbork memorial opened

By BEN ROSE

TORONTO —

Six Dutch survivors of the Holocaust, who were determined that the 102,000 Dutch Jews who died at the hands of the Nazis would not be forgotten, have accomplished their mission.

On June 16 a memorial with 102,000 bricks representing each Jew who died was dedicated at the Westerbork transit camp near the German border. A total of $10,000 was raised in Canada for the project, most of it contributed by non-Jewish Dutch people. "It was a very moving ceremony," said Robert Engel, Toronto, chairman of the Holocaust Memorial Committee here, who was interned at Westerbork.

Those taking part included the Dutch Queen's sister, Princess Margriet, who was born in Canada, Ed Van Thign, mayor of Amsterdam, and Louis de Wijze, one of the six survivors who spearheaded the campaign which raised $1.6 million around the world to fund the memorial of bricks and other remembrances of Westerbork.

The bricks, each with a Star of David, were assembled in a large square in the shape of The Netherlands. A Dutch newspaper published a dramatic color photo of the bricks from the air, showing The Netherlands design.

"The reason that design was settled on was that the Jews who died in the Holocaust came from little towns and villages from all over The Netherlands, not just from Amsterdam," said Engel.

In addition to the 102,000 bricks commemorating Jews, there were 286 bricks honoring gypsies who died and 180 for Dutch people who lost their lives sheltering Jews.

The ceremony included the laying of the final 50 bricks by 50 neighborhood children honoring the first 50 orphans who were shipped from Westerbork to their deaths. Another 300 children from the area circled the square, holding hands, as the memorial was dedicated.

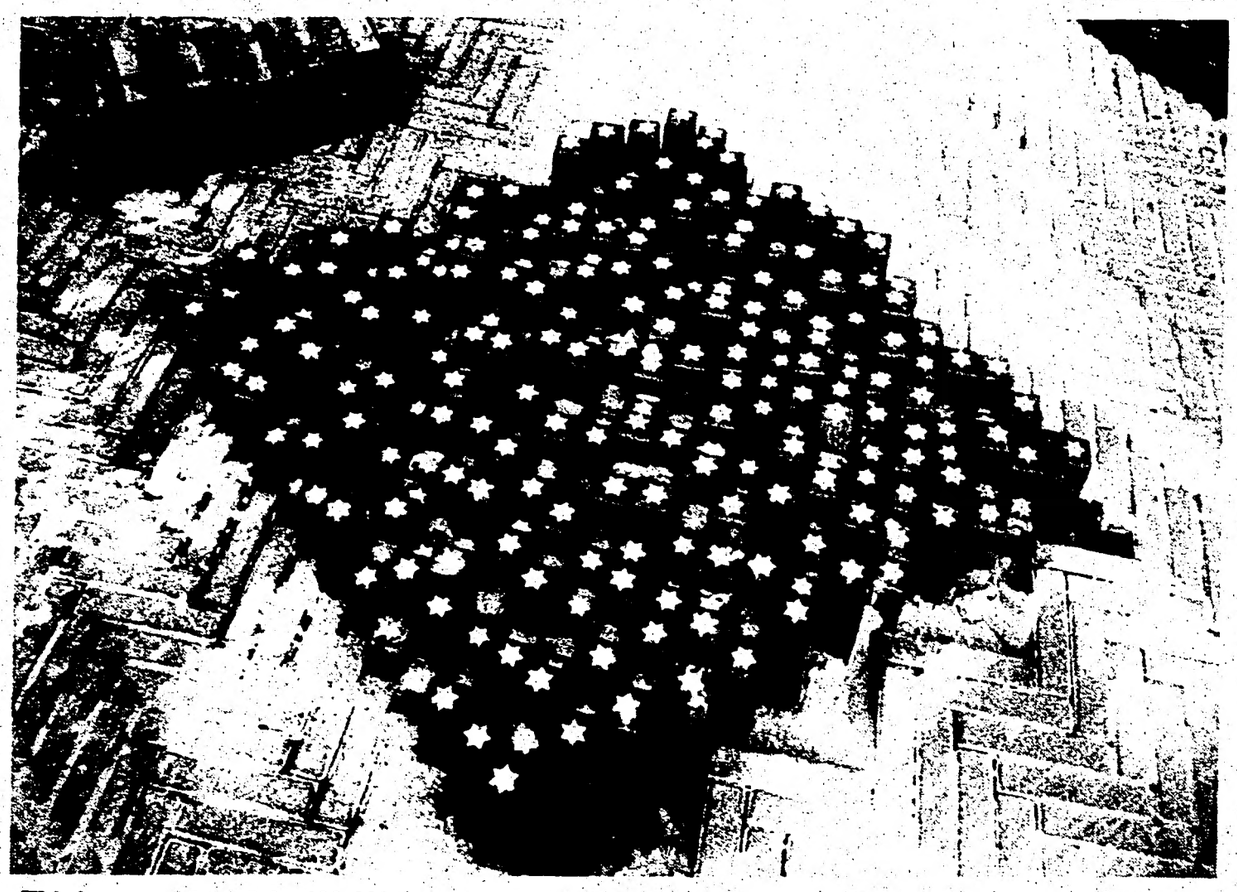
A concert was held in the nearby city of Assen the morning of the ceremony featuring the premiere performance of the Westerbork Symphony by W. Stopplenburg played by the National Philharmonic Orchestra. The National Children's Choir and the Youth Group of the National Ballet also took part. The concert included singing of *Der Opschijd* a famous Yiddish lied, and recitation of *The Train* a poem specially composed.

The ceremony reminded Engel how frank and forthright the Dutch people are in dealing with the Holocaust. "They do not deny that 200,000 of their citizens helped the Nazis, but on the other hand they saved 30,000 Jews which must have involved at least 100,000 people helping the Jews," he said.

"I had recommended that a Dutch woman be honored at Yad Vashem as a Righteous Gentile but she refused, explaining to me that the Dutch people did not do enough. I asked her to relent because she was playing into the hands of the Holocaust deniers and she promised to think about it."

Dutch Jews from Canada, United States, Switzerland, New Zealand and Australia attended the dedication.

Though the site is a drive of a few hours from Amsterdam, Engel said he hoped tourists whould make the trip to see the Westerbork memorial, and that bus tours of Holland would include it on their itineraries.



This is one section of the 102,000 bricks in a memorial at Westerbork Transit Camp in Holland honoring the memory of the 102,000 Jews who died in the Holocaust.

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ITKOFF — ITZKOWITZ — LACHMAN

Herman Itkoff was a kindly gentleman who moved from Cincinnati to spend his last years in Toronto where his daughter lives. I infer that his name was probably Itzkoff and that at some stage the z was dropped.

Itzkov(itz) is derived from Yitzchak (Isaac), the son of Abraham. There are many other variants like Eisman, Itzil, Eisner and, of course, the anglicized Isaacson.

There are two, however, that deserve special comment.

Hitzig (which sounds like a Cockney version of IYZIG) literally means hot-headed.

Yitzchak got his name because his mother Sarah who conceived him at an advanced age said that people would laugh that at her age she had become a mother. Tzchak is laugh in Hebrew. In Yiddish it is Lach. And so it was that Isaac gave birth to the surname Lachman.

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DUKE — HERZOG

Sarah Lipton writes that she was surnamed Duke before her marriage to my old friend, Harold Lipton, veteran chartered accountant.

She remembers her father fondly recalling a Slavic word which she interpreted as denoting a duke. As there were no Jewish dukes in Eastern Europe, the name was more probably an abbreviation of the name of a town or village. We witnessed a similar process in the last U.S. presidential election when the Democratic candidate Michael Dukakis was referred to as "the Duke."

Since her parents emigrated from the Ukraine, my guess is that the name derived from the town of Dulka in southeastern Poland near the Ukrainian border, and once part of the Ukraine.

A more plausible claim to dukedom can be asserted by people surnamed Herzog, which is the German word for duke. The name may be attributed to a forebear who was in the service of a duke (as a physician or financier) which may explain the names Prinz, Fuerst (prince) or Graf (count). More likely, it was an embellishment of Hertz ("heart"), a translation of the Hebrew Lev.

Rabin stresses respect for minority groups

BRUSSELS (JTA) —

Yitzhak Rabin has told delegates to a conference on anti-Semitism that Israel could best combat hostility toward Jews worldwide by setting an example in how it treats its own minority.

"I believe we have to prove that once we are the sovereign power, we have to behave vis-a-vis the minority and other religious groups in a way we expect others to respect us," he said.

Rabin told participants at the conference, which was sponsored by the World Jewish Congress, that Israel should set "certain moral standards of behavior" toward its Arab population.

The Labor Party leader also said one of his first priorities will be to advance the peace talks toward Palestinian autonomy in the territories.

"I see in this issue one of the most important goals, and an attainable one, that might change the whole atmosphere in the Middle East," he said.

Leonid Kravchuk, president of Ukraine, quoted the Talmud to explain that he regretted that Jews were leaving Ukraine but that all people have the right to live where they choose.

And Cardinal Edward Cassidy, president of the Vatican's Commission for Religious Relations With the Jews, called for cooperative Catholic-Jewish efforts to fight anti-Semitism and racism on the national and international level.

The prelate stressed that the historical position of the Catholic Church on Jews and Judaism "called for an act of 'teshuvah,' (repentance) and of reconciliation on our part."

He said that the teachings of the Church must be updated to reflect the new Catholic attitude, which regards Jews as "our elder brothers in the faith of Abraham.

"We must explore every possible area of co-operation with the Jewish people," he said.

Cassidy reaffirmed that "anti-Semitism, as well as all forms of racism, are a sin against God and humanity."

At the closing session of its Conference on Anti-Semitism and Prejudice in a Changing World, WJC leaders resolved to create new offices and resources to combat anti-Semitism "and its related evils."

WJC leaders said that they will be working with the World Zionist Organization, Israel's quasi-governmental agency, to improve the teaching of Jewish history in schools, to monitor ultranationalist political movements worldwide and to monitor anti-Semitism in international agencies affiliated with the United Nations.

WJC President Edgar Bronfman, called for the establishment of an institute to monitor global anti-Semitism.

Candle lighting

Candle lighting times for August 7, 1992, Av 8 5752 — Devarim — is 8:13 p.m. in Toronto and 7:54 in Montreal.

There will be no issue of August 6, 1992.

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פון א. זימלער (מאָנטרעאָל)

מיר האָבן אין אונדזער מאַרטירער געשיכטע געהאַט מענטשן פון פאַרשיידענע מדרגות. אַ גרויסע צאָל פון זיי זיינען אויסגעוואַקסן פון די סאַמע טיפענישן פון אונדזער פאָלק. זיי האָבן דערגרייכט די העכסטע שטופע פון גייסטיקער פירערשאַפט. אין דעם יום־כּפּור־דיקן מחזור געפינען מיר די געשיכטע פון די עשרת הרוגי מלכות. די צען מאַרטירער־קדושים, וועלכע האָבן זיך מקריב געווען פאַר זייער פאָלק און זיין אמונה, און זיינען פאַרפיניקט געוואָרן דורך די רוימישע באַרבאַרן. אין אונדזער צייט פאַרצייכענען מיר דעם חורבן פון אונדזער פאָלק און זיינע פירער.

אַרטור זיגעלבוים, איינער פון די פירער פון פוילישן יידנטום, האָט פרייוויליק מקריב געווען זיין לעבן, כדי אויפצורודערן די וועלט און דערמיט אפשר ראַטעווען זיינע כרידער און שוועסטער פון אומקום.

אַרטור איז געווען איינער פון די הויפט־פירער פון דער אונטערערדישער באַוועגונג אין פוילן. ער וועלכער האָט גענאָמען אַן אַקטיווע טייל אין דער אָרגאַניזאַציע פון אויפשטאַנד אין ווַארשע, איז ער ווידער אַרויס אויף דער גאַס, כּדי צו העלפן אָרגאַניזירן דעם אויפשטאַנד. ער איז אַרעסטירט געוואָרן דעם 9טן אפּריל 1943 און אַרויסגעשיקט קיין טרעבלינקע, וווּ ער איז אומגעקומען.

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The News in Brief

Irving repeats claims

ROME — British Holocaust revisionist David Irving, who recently gained notoriety when the *Sunday Times of London* hired him to transcribe the diaries of Nazi propagandist Josef Goebbels, reasserted in an interview published here his view that the Holocaust did not take place.

He said in the interview published in the magazine section of the newspaper *La Republica*, that had he been allowed to speak, he would have said what he has been saying for 20 years.

"What is called the Holocaust or the Final Solution, that is, the physical liquidation of the European Jews, was never ordered or scientifically planned by Hitler."

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New rebbe for House of Ger

JERUSALEM — In a surprise move, Rabbi Pinhas Menahem Alter has become the new rebbe of the hasidic house of Ger.

Rabbi Alter, 66, is the younger brother of the late rebbe, Simcha Bunim Alter, who died last week at the age of 95.

The Chassidim had expected the post to go the late rebbe's only son, 52-year-old rabbi Yaacov. But the rebbe made no provision for a successor in his will, and Yaacov resolutely refused to accept the position, deferring to his uncle.

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A first for women

JERUSALEM — The first woman to become a Reform rabbi in Israel was ordained at a Hebrew Union College ceremony last week.

Na'ama Kelman Ha'ezrahi, 37, follows in the footsteps of 11 generations of rabbis, most of them Orthodox. Her late father, Rabbi Wolfe Kelman, was director of the Conservative Movement's Rabbinical Assembly for 40 years, and her brother, Rabbi Levi Weiman-Kelman, heads the Reform congregation in Jerusalem.

Her grandmother was something of a feminist pioneer as well, having been one of the first women to study law in the United States.

HUC world president Rabbi Alfred Gotteschalk said that 195 women have become Reform rabbis at its seminary branches in the United States since the first female ordination 20 years ago.

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Galinski dead at 79

NEW YORK — Heinz Galinski, the leader of Germany's postwar Jewish community and an outspoken critic of neo-Nazism has died in Berlin following heart surgery last month. He was 79.

A survivor of three concentration camps — Auschwitz, Buchenwald and Bergen-Belsen — Galinski returned to Berlin at the end of World War II, when only 1,000 Jews remained from the 160,000 who lived there before the war, and became a key figure in the postwar history of the Jewish community there.

A devoted Zionist, Galinski opposed assimilation while espousing the cause of integration in a pluralistic German society. He was strongly in favor of making the life of the Jewish community more accessible as a means of counteracting anti-Semitism.

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Palestinian sentenced

ATHENS — Two Palestinians were sentenced to life imprisonment and four others jailed for up to nine and a half years for the 1991 bomb blast in Patras that killed seven people.

The convictions marked the first time the Greek authorities have been able to break a terrorist network of any kind.

An Athens court used the anti-terrorist law to sentence Ibrahim Bairat, 29, and Abu al-Nubani, 27, to life-plus-25-years for the terrorist explosion that occurred when a bomb intended for the British Consulate in Patras went off prematurely.

The blast wrecked the offices of a private mail company and killed four employees, two customers and the Palestinian carrying the bomb.

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New drone introduced

TEL AVIV — Israel Aircraft Industries has delivered to the Israeli air force the first of its new series of unmanned pilotless aircraft, or drones.

The state-of-the-art drone, named "Searcher," is about 13 feet long and has a 23-foot wingspan. It is an updated version of a series of highly successful Israeli-designed pilotless aircraft in use with the Israeli air force and other nations' militaries. The Searcher can stay aloft for far longer periods than its predecessors and fly greater distances. It can also carry a larger payload than other drones.

AIDS tests for visitors

TEL AVIV — Israeli consulates in a number of foreign locations have begun asking visa applicants planning on extended stays in Israel to be screened for HIV, the virus that causes AIDS.

Consulates in the Far East, Eastern Europe and Africa are requiring that HIV antibody testing be done before applicants are allowed into Israel for long visits.

And officials say the screening policy may soon be extended to other locations, or possibly to all foreign nationals wishing to stay here for extended periods.

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$80m Naval deal

JERUSALEM — Israel Shipyards is to sell 36 of the first "Shaldag" patrol boats to an unnamed Western country, former transport minister Moshe Katsav said. The $80 million-deal will enable the yard to hire a full complement of workers.

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Mein Kampf in Hebrew

TEL AVIV — An abridged version of Adolf Hitler's *Mein Kampf* has been translated into Hebrew and published by Akademon, Hebrew University's student press, over the protests of right-wing and national circles.

Hitler wrote *Mein Kampf*, which spells out his anti-Semitic philosophy and strategy for world control, while serving an 11-month term in a Bavarian prison in 1924-25 for an attempted coup.

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Police sentenced

TEL AVIV — Five border policemen have been sentenced to prison terms for torturing a group of Arab hotel workers in Tel Aviv in 1987.

Eli Gabai, 24, of Maszkeret Batya, near Jerusalem, regarded by the court as the ringleader, was sentened to two years in prison, of which he must serve at least one. The others, all 25, from various towns and villages, were sentenced to eight months' imprisonment and another 10 months on probattion.

In addition, each was ordered to pay 1,000 shekels, about $400, to three of the six Arabs they attacked.

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School gets Nazi money

BUENOS AIRES — The University of Sao Paulo, in Brazil, has been named to inherit some $10 million from the Nazi organization Odessa, according to a report in the Brazilian newspaper *Folha de Sao Paulo.*

It is believed that the inheritance consists of a treasure of some 465 lbs. of jewels, rare coins, gold and precious stones, kept for more than 40 years in a vault of the Banco do Brasil in the care of Albert Willi Blume, a Nazi German who died heirless in December 1983.

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Chile turns back on PLO

BUENOS AIRES — Chile's vice president has assured the Latin American Jewish Congress that his government is not going to recognize the Palestine Liberation Organization.

After meeting with the Representative Committee of Chilean Jewish Entities, Enrique Krauss said, "The Jewish community can rest assured that this situation is not going to happen."

He told the Jewish body that "any intent to translate the Mideast conflict to Chile is due to fail."

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Friedman dead at 88

NEW YORK — Ralph Friedman, philanthropist, business executive and former chairman of the executive board of the American Jewish Committee, died here July 21 of cardiac failure. He was 88.

As AJCommittee chairman from 1964 to 1966, Friedman helped sponsor a Roman Catholic-Jewish research centre in Rome to combat prejudice and anti-Semitism in religious teachings around the world.

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Zionist leader dies

JERUSALEM — Ya'acov Arye Hazan, founder of Hashomer Hatza'ir, longtime parliamentarian and Israel Prize winner, died July 31 at Kibbutz Mishmar Ha'emek. He was 93.

Hazan was born in Brisk, Russia, on June 4, 1899, and at 16 became one of the founders of the Jewish Scouts Organization in Poland, part of which became Hashomer Hatza'ir..

In the Knesset he was known as a flowery orator and for his sound progressive legislation.

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Jewish Life

By RABBI ISMAR SCHORSCH

On Jan. 12, 1933, my father acquired a slender Hebrew volume which contained the lamentations for Tisha b'Av according to the Ashkenazi rite. At the time, he was the young associate rabbi of one of the major Jewish communities in Germany. (I know the date, because he had a lifelong habit of adorning every book that came his way with the date of purchase.)

Each year, when I open this simple heirloom to recite its hoary dirges, I am overwhelmed by the startling fact that just 18 days later Adolf Hitler came to power as the duly elected chancellor of Germany. Lamentations were to be the leitmotif of the next 12 years.

Toward the end of the amidah (the silent devotion) of the afternoon service, the Ashkenazi rite of my father inserts a petition of artless literalism based on a graphic analogy between Temple practice and personal piety. The text reads:

"Master of many worlds, it is surely known to you that when the Temple stood, a sinning person would bring a sacrifice, offering up only its fat and blood, and you in Your great compassion would forgive. Now, as I sit in fast with my own fat and blood diminishing, may it be Your will to regard them as if I were offering them before You on the altar and may You find me acceptable."

These words, however, strike a discordant note, because Tisha b'Av has nothing to do with individual salvation. It is not a carbon copy of Yom Kippur, the other 24-hour fast of the Jewish calendar. If the intensity of the latter is focused on the fate of the individual Jew, the concern of the former is fixed on the fate of the nation.

The two fast days are meant to balance and complement, not replicate, each other. The ninth of Av is a reaffirmation of the centrality of community, peoplehood and klal Yisrael in Judaism. It promotes the supreme value of self-sacrifice for benefit of group survival and calls for loyalty to an ancient and divine cause that far transcends the significance of self.

Furthermore, Tisha b'Av is no longer about any single historical calamity. The Mishnah at the end of the 2nd century C.E. had already started on the path of attributing misfortunes other than the destruction of the two Temples to the ninth of Av.

Over time, the fast was to absorb and commemorate the horror of countless calamities down to the Spanish expulsion and beyond. Layers of history steadily enriched its contents and expanded its meaning to reflect the fundamental reality of Jewish existence that exile is not a geographical location, but an existential truth. Indeed, the state of homelessness is an ever-present danger to all illusions of power, permanence and impregnability.

This evolution of Tisha b'Av had a profound side effect. It served to limit the days of public mournings. It resisted the understandable claim of every generation of victims to its own day in the calendar. The psychic health of the community would be impaired by a calendar cluttered with commemorations of dark times.

Judaism had long recognized the wisdom of restraint for the individual mourner. Less appreciated is its effort to protect the community from excessive mourning by rendering Tisha b'Av as a vehicle of multiple meanings.

The final message of the fast, though, is far from melancholy. Commemoration is the act of a living community. The calamities of the past did not bring the Jewish saga to an end.

Tisha b'Av is ultimately a celebration of national fortitude, faith and survival. Neither 1492 nor 1648 nor 1933, with all their protracted suffering, drove the Jewish people from the stage of history. In our reverence for the torment of our ancestors, we give expressions to our own resolve and resilience.

Each summer, as I recite the lamentations of Tisha B'Av in the tear-stained volume of my father, I offer living proof of the failure of Hitler's "final solution."

(The author, a rabbi and a professor of history, is chancellor of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America.)

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Judging a person's character

By RABBI MOSHE JABLON

How do you know a person? Life is filled with situations which require us to make character judgments about people we hardly know. For example, before accepting a prospective business partner, we search for clues to understand the nature of the prospect. Are there any tests by which a judgment can be formed?

The Talmud (Eruvin 65A) provides some interesting criteria. "Rabbi Ilaye taught: A person is distinguishable through three things — his cup, his purse, and his wrath." This means one's drinking habits, business integrity, and patience reveal the character of the person. (Alternate interpretation can be found in the commentaries.)

Some rabbis, the Talmud continues, proposed a fourth criterion — one's laughter. Perhaps these rabbis are alluding to peculiar laughs. A guffaw, crackle, or chuckle may indicate different personalities.

In my opinion, however, the rabbis are suggesting something else. They are drawing our attention not so much to how we laugh but to why we laugh. The subject matter which amuses and entertains us speaks volumes about our values and mores.

Humor plays a beneficial role in society. It humbles the pompous and highlights the absurd. Above all, it lightens the heavy burdens of daily existence. Throughout our own history, Jewish wit has enabled us to bear the daily ignominies heaped upon us.

At the same time, some forms of modern day humor clearly fall outside the bounds of tastefulness. Nevertheless, they have attained popular appeal — a phenomenon which says something about the character of the public today. The vulgar, off-color humor so prevalent in our culture reflects the absence of modesty and morality. Routines which single out individuals for ridicule and humiliation (remember Joan River's treatment of Elizabeth Taylor?) taps a vein of meanness in the comics and their delighted audiences.

I also believe that we, as Jews, should be sensitive to ethnic humor. Some very successful Jewish comedians ply their trade by poking fun at ethnic sterotypes. Their sharpened barbs are directed not only at Jewish eccentricities but also at those of Italians, blacks, etc.

How do we know what others are thinking? Maybe they are offended by the jokes. Maybe their laughter conceals resentment lying beneath the surface.

The month of Av is soon upon us. We are instructed to reduce our simcha in this month of tragedy. Equally important is to rethink what we rejoice over. Our laughter tells us much about others and ourselves.

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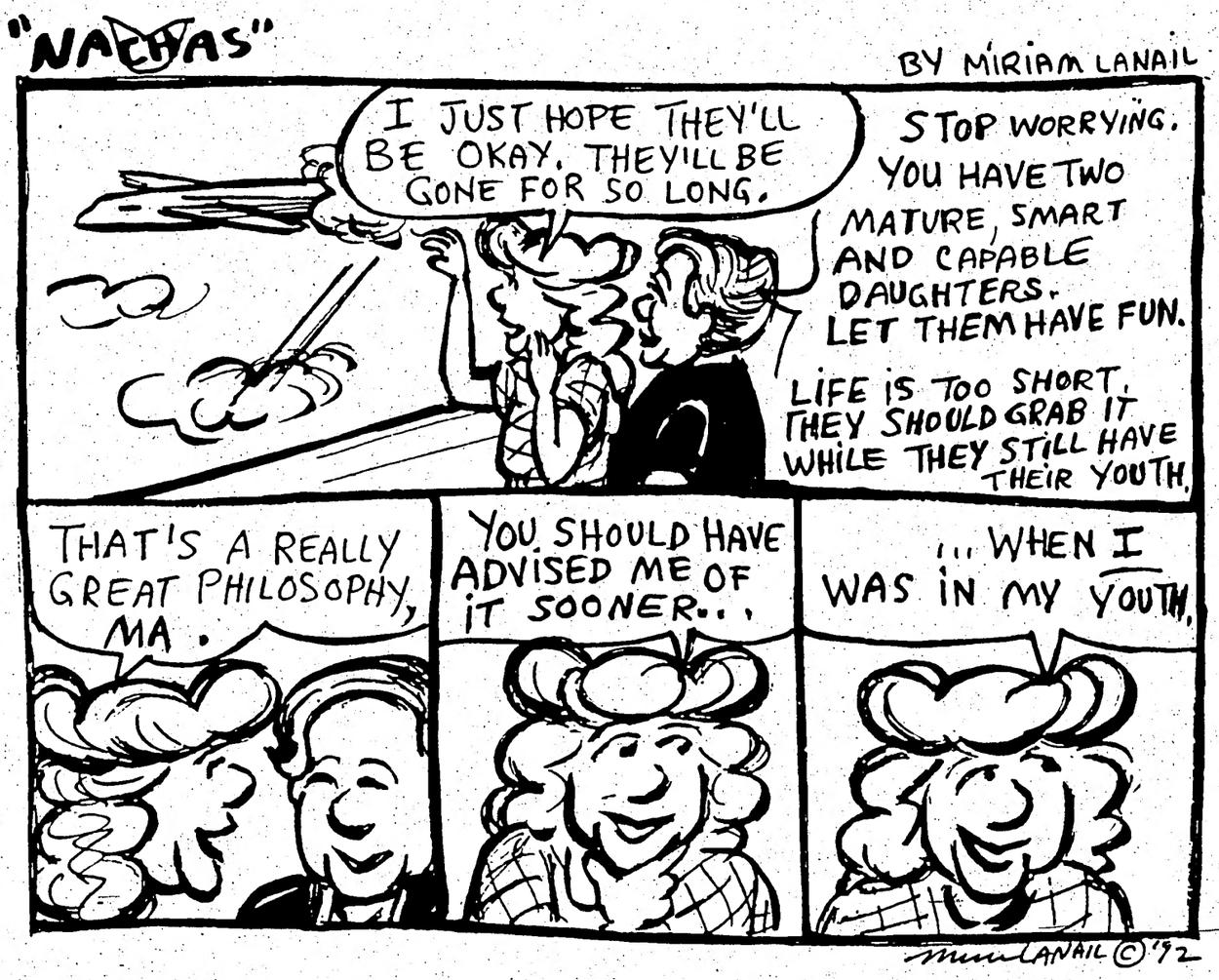
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Front Line

Rabin made some good choices in forming coalition

By YESHAYAHU ANUG

The present version of the Rabin government was sworn in by a working, albeit small, majority. It can function properly as it is, but will be more comfortable if strengthened by additional support in the Knesset. This was, in effect, Rabin's declared aim on election night, when the first TV projection had given him a slightly better prospect than the ultimate result.

The government he was in a hurry to form and present consists now only of Labor, Meretz and Shas, a strange triangle, but one can quite safely predict that some of the parties who voted against it on June 13, will soon dislike the chill of the opposition benches and seek the warmth of the coalition-shelter, but surely not before doing their utmost to sell their convenient and not so essential support at the highest available price. Judging by the pace and firm style of Rabin's government-construction, one must recognize that he acted decisively, took some risks and made only minimal concessions. But he gave the education portfolio to the secular Shulamit Aloni of Meretz and infuriated the Haredi Ashkenazis as well as the leader of the nationalist Tzomet party (8 members) Rafael Eytan who wanted this position. Rabin then bluntly rejected Eytan's bid for the defence ministry, not only because the man is considered unfit for this task, but probably also because Eytan's reputation had been tainted by the commission which in 1982 had investigated the Sabra and Shatila massacre that occurred while he was the army's chief of staff in Lebanon.

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The *New York Times* has written that Rabin's government happens to be more dovish than he would have liked it to be. This is probably correct, but should not mislead. Those who appear to be naively dovish are realistic enough to be judicious and Rabin, the crude and down-to-earth pragmatist, can well control those who are not.

The weak link in his present coalition of 62 is Shas, the Sephardi Haredi party, whose participation ensured the majority, but whose support had looked so insecure before the crucial vote in the Knesset, that Rabin had to formally request the support of the two Arab lists. The Ashkenazi Haredi party which had blamed Shas for entering the government and voted against it, is unlikely to hold out for a lengthy period in the cold.

In the background looms the sharp confrontation between Agudah mentor Rav Shach and Rav Ovadia Yossef, who had once obeyed Rabbi Shach but has now ordered Shas to join the cabinet. This defiance could well bring about the decline of Shach's mythical and up to now unchallenged hegemony in Israel's Haredi communities.

If the Ashkenazi Haredim will join the government, they — like their Sephardi rivals — will not object to Rabin's peace tactics and are likely to be as flexible as he will want them to be on this issue. As non-Zionists their primary concern is the viability of their over-extended network of educational and other institutions, which depends on continuous support from a benevolent government. More problematic is the case of the National Religious Party, whose recent internal power shifts as well as their electoral propaganda slogans, have pushed them so far to the right as to forfeit their future as a party, unless they, too, after having satisfied their agitated followers, will find a plausible way out of opposition.

The ultimate co-option of all these forces will in no serious manner affect Rabin's role as a strong prime minister determined to grant autonomy to the Palestinians and explore the chances of obtaining a gradual settlement with Israel's other neighbors. He knows what a dynamic peace process could mean for the solution of Israel's economic problems, for immigration and absorption, for the quality of life in the country and for its international standing. And he has no time to waste.

Nor has President George Bush, who called Rabin soon after the vote in the Knesset and invited him to his summer residence in Maine. But even before that visit, which one can anticipate to be fruitful, Secretary of State James Baker will explore the possibilities of progress with all the Middle Eastern players, starting this week in Jerusalem. At this stage the administration cannot afford to lose face, nor can it be seen failing. All this does not make for a smooth peace-ride, but if Baker's expectations are realistically modest and if the Arab side will not indulge in obstructive illusions, slow progress can indeed be expected.

The long road to peace has not been shortened by the dramatic change of government in Israel; it has simply been opened for traffic. And this is, at the moment, the most important development.

Batman Returns rooted in Judeo-Christian stereotypes

By REBECCA ROIPHE & DANIEL COOPER

Batman's new adversary, the Penguin, played by Danny DeVito in *Batman Returns*, is not just a deformed man, half human, half-Arctic-beast. He is a Jew, down to his hooked nose, pale face and lust for herring.

No, DeVito's not Jewish, but that's just it: Man in penguin costume, Christian in Jew face.

Batman Returns is not anti-Semitic. But the director, Tim Burton, repeatedly uses imagery and cultural stereotypes that are rooted in Judeo-Christian culture.

Burton relies on these allusions to give historical depth and mythological resonance to his unreal technological extravaganza.

And he depicts the Penguin as one of the oldest cliches: the Jew who is bitter, bent over and out for revenge, the Jew who is unathletic and seemingly unthreatening but who, in fact, wants to murder every firstborn child of the gentile community.

The film is not a biblical allergory. It is a fantasy of good vs. evil in which good is the indisputable victor.

But it draws on the depiction of good and evil in the Western world as a conflict between Christian and Jew, between the doctrine of the Old Testament and the techniques of the New.

Even the comic strip rendered large cannot avoid these symbols — they worm their way into fairy tales and fantasy, reality and virtual reality.

The biblical allusions and historical references woven into the plot of *Batman Returns* betray a hidden conflict between gentile and Jew.

The movie opens with shots of distressed parents of a child who is not quite right.

The baby is kept in a cage where it ignores the ornate Christmas tree and stalks a kitten through the wood slats of its prison.

The parents take this child, a sort of beastly Tiny Tim, to a small bridge in an icy wood. They dump the black wicker carriage into the river and the camera follows the basket downstream.

The Penguin is Moses, Moses in black, the anti-Moses.

For the remainder of the film Christian and Jewish images are apparent, if somewhat overwhelmed by the Gothic sets, gangster costumes and stylized speech.

The Penguin's underground den, a cavern of ice and toxic waste, is a modern version of the last circle of Dante's Hell.

His umbrellas that transforms into bayonets, machine guns and helicopters are Moses' magic staff.

The flipper hands he holds at his chest are Moses' hands, which in Exodus become "leprous as snow."

As a mayoral candidate, the Penguin claims he will save Gotham from corruption and violence.

The Penguin feigns assimilation into society and gains the citizens' trust for a time.

But eventually even the ignorant masses understand this false prophet for what he is, a primordial beast who seeks retribution, "an eye for an eye."

This Old Testament saying is heard in different forms throughout the movie. It is not the way Jews govern themselves, but it is the way others have perceived Judaism.

The conspiracy against Gotham begins when the Penguin teams up with Bruce Wayne's adversary, the corrupt businessman Max Shreck.

This Jewish-sounding name is borrowed from the actor who played the first bat-man of the silver screen, the vampire in F. W. Murnau's 1922 film *Nosferatu*.

What better partner for the Penguin in his fight against Batman than the vampire Jew.

The Penguin blackmails Shreck with an artful presentation of toxic waste, a severed hand and shredded documents: the Penguin-Jew is a bargaining maven.

The pact is sealed and the Penguin and Shreck become brothers in crime, a Moses and Aaron team gone sour.

In Burton's fantasy Aaron is Moses' campaign manager, press agent and image consultant.

Shreck wants only power, but the Jew who has suffered wants to punish others for the crime that was committed against him.

The Penguin pretends to be searching for his parents, seeking reconciliation, but he no longer cares about his own lineage.

He seeks a greater destruction, a kind of Armageddon instigated by the orphan-Satan-Moses himself.

He spends long hours in the archives compiling lists of firstborn sons.

Though clearly a reference to the final plague in Exodus, it is also an echo of the accounts of Nazis and anti-Semites throughout history as well as reinforcing the myth that Jews drink the blood of gentile children.

The Penguin's evil plan is the enactment of a paranoid notion that Jews' effort to preserve their heritage and culture is a guise for elitist and hostile intentions.

Compounding the Jewish question in *Batman Returns* is the film's music.

Burton's dense kaleidoscope of shiny rings, dark rivers and bird boats, underscored by composer Danny Elfman's use of leitmotifs, altered chords and chromatic progressions, makes indisputable the influence of Richard Wagner.

Burton's horde of penguins are like Wagner's aquatic elves, the Niebelungen.

The Penguin-Jew-villain is also Wagner's Alberich from *Das Rheingold*, wheezing uncontrollably, scheming from the murky banks and escaping to his underground cavern.

The Penguin sails the sewers in a giant wooden duck, a parody of the Schwan der Schelde from Wagner's *Lohengrin*.

Though Wagner was, of course, an anti-Semite, the music — dark, passionate and mysterious — is not in itself anti-Semitic.

Batman Returns takes place at Christmas time. The Christmas tree, the lights and the mistletoes serve a thematic purpose.

They represent the Christian ethic, which will save Gotham City (and New York, Los Angeles and Chicago) from the false ideology of the Penguin.

Denied his own birthright, the Penguin intends to obliterate the Christian birth and eventually the whole town.

His army of mindless followers, a flock of ineffectual birds who cannot fly, is eventually converted to the side of Christian morality. They turn against the leader who had failed to assimilate.

In the final scene, Batman articulates the distinctly Christian moral of this film: "Merry Christmas and good will toward men . . . and women."

The Christian ethic, like the faces beneath the heroes' masks, is eventually revealed. Batman and Catwoman put on their costumes and rip them off. They are both marginal and integrated, freaks and functioning citizens.

But the Penguin's mask is no disgrace. It is his face, his deformity, his ethnicity.

And Burton has his own mask. His movie is cloaked in extravaganza, fantasy and allusion.

Behind the multimillion-dollar movie set is old fear and prejudice. Moses becomes Satan, Jew becomes vengeful and Christian faith conquers all.

Since the Judeo-Christian tradition provides many of our myths, we should be careful not to let our fiction turn one faith against the other. There is enough of that in real life.

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Jewish alphabet book could be a big hit with kids

By ALLAN GOULD

Ever since I had children, I was both charmed — and often disappointed — by those popular alphabet books which my wife and I used to read to our two geniuses: "A is for Apple; B is for Bear; C is for Cow; D is for Duck." I mean — really!! Life is more than apples and bears, as we all know — especially we Jews. In fact, it's usually more bears than apples, now that I think about it.

And so, to give you something to read to your *own* little future-doctors-and-future-lawyers, here is my own, highly-personal — and very, very Jewish — attempt at creating a *new* kind of alphabet book. Artists should feel free to contact this newspaper, so we can get together and create an oversized, overpriced book out of this. In the meantime:

THE MODERN JEWISH CHILD'S ALEPH BETH BOOK

A is for **Alenu,** when we usually get to shul, and also **Afikomen,** for which we're too full.
B is for **Bar Mitzvah,** when they *say* you're a man — but it also starts Bris, when you really join the clan.
C is for **Challah,** which Moms once used to bake and **C** is for **Communism,** the one BIG Jewish mistake.
D is for **David,** the king and the poet, and **Dietary** Laws — with buried forks to show it.
E is for **Exodus,** where we walked through the water (and also **Elisheva,** the name of my daughter).
F is for **Freud,** who discovered the mind and also **First-Born,** who in Tanach get left behind.

Allan Gould

G is for **Ghetto** — from Warsaw to Thornhill and **Good Gefilte** Fish, for which many would kill.
H is for **Hassidim,** with shtreimels and payos, and also for **History,** where they too often slay us.
I is **Inquisition,** which forced us to flee, and **Israel,** which we love (but boy it ain't free!)
J is for **Jerusalem,** to which our prayers run — and **Judah:** A Maccabee, a tribe (and my son).
K is for **Kippah** — black, plaid — any size, and **Ketubah** (when starting a family, it's wise).
L is for **Lulav,** to wave and to carry and yummy Chopped **Liver,** for those who hate Dairy.
M is **Ma** Nishtana, our first moment of glory (but also for **Mohel,** who never says "sorry").
N is for **Ninth** of Av, a most tragic time and **Niddah,** which, uh, well, it's on with the rhyme.
O is for **Oaths,** which Jews try not to make, and **O** is for **Onan,** who made a mistake.
P is the **Pushke** — to the poor we must give and **Parve,** the safest and best way to live.
Q is Sabbath **Queen,** who visits us weekly and **Questions,** which Jews often answer with (not meekly).

R is for **Rashi,** whose handwriting was weird and **Rabbis** — which range from clean-shaven to beard.
S is for **Shabbas,** a day like no other and also Rose **Schwartz** — this writer's wife's mother. (*Love* her!)

T is for **Torah:** Perfection Unmatched, and **Tallis** — which proves there are *always* strings attached.
U is **Uganda,** which Herzl almost chose, and **United** Nations, from which the world's Jew-hatred flows.

V is for **Vilna** Gaon, who sure knew his Gemorah and **Vowels,** which we'd welcome, when we layn the Torah.

W is for **Wall** — now **Western,** once **Wailing** and **Witnesses,** which you *must* have before jailing.
X is for **Xmas,** for retail, heaven-sent, and **X-ray** — one of the few things Jews didn't invent.
Y is **Yom Kippur,** a most solemn time and **Yeshivas,** for which we are asked our last dime.
Z is for **Zionism,** so new, and so old (Then why live in Canada? It can get awfully cold!)
There's your Jew's Alphabet, from A to Zed. So now sing your Sh'ma, and get into bed.

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A good start

Ignorance breeds hatred, and nowhere is this more true than in Russia, whose long-suppressed population has suffered under Czarist autocracy and Communist repression. For too long now, the picture they have been allowed to form of the Jewish people has been spotty at best and malevolent at worst. As a result, Russian Judeophobia has run deep and broad, notwithstanding the efforts of Russian liberals and progressives to eradicate or curb anti-Semitism.

But grassroots Russian attitudes towards Jews may gradually be transformed now that the Russian government has had the wisdom and foresight to purchase Abba Eban's acclaimed television series, *Heritage: Civilization and the Jews,* which documents 3,000 years of Jewish history. Filmed in 18 countries on three continents *Heritage* is a superb example of educational television.

By airing *Heritage* on state TV to a potential audience of 150 million viewers, the Russian government will do what no other Russian or Soviet regime has done before — convey an accurate account of Jews, Judaism and Israel. As Eban put it: "As recently as two years ago, it was unthinkable that the Russians would wish to communicate a positive image of the Jewish people... Never before have the Russian people been given a benevolent view of the Jewish people — not under the Communists, not under the Czarists before them, so the innovation is very, very sharp."

Judging by reports, Russian officials in the office of President Boris Yeltsin, concerned by the upsurge of openly-expressed anti-Semitism following the dissolution of communism, called the Israeli Embassy in Moscow and asked about the series and its availability. When it became clear that the Russians lacked the hard currency to buy *Heritage*, the holders of rights in the series agreed to waive their customary fees and residual payments in order to make the showing possible.

Now, belatedly, Russian viewers can turn on their TV sets and watch what is surely one of the most comprehensive and balanced portrayals of the Jewish people ever made. They will learn about the rich tapestry of Jewish culture and the emergence of Israel as an independent Jewish state; they will also learn about pogroms and the Holocaust. In short, they will be enlightened.

Neither one program nor one series, brilliant as it may be, can change well-worn attitudes. But a good start has been made, and for this we can be grateful.

Tourism thaw

Aside from Egypt, Jews are not generally welcomed in Arab countries, either as tourists or as residents. The norm, unfortunately set by Syria, Jordan and Saudi Arabia, actively prohibits, except under rare circumstances, the entry of Jews across their borders. In Syria, despite some recent minor adjustments, Jews are treated as hostages rather than as bona fide citizens.

The Arab countries of North Africa, however, have never adopted the anti-Jewish racist discrimination patterns followed by their Mideastern cousins. While not exactly encouraging Jewish or Israeli tourism, Algeria, Morocco and Tunisia have not explicitly barred such visitors.

Mireille Duteil reports, moreover, in *Le Point* (June 6), a Paris-based magazine, that one of the nations of the Maghreb, Tunisia, is quietly promoting Jewish tourism from France and from Israel. It has done so despite the fact that Tunisia is the home of the PLO and is currently involved in a battle with Muslim fundamentalists.

On the island of Djerba (whose Jews arrived, it is said, after the destruction of the First Temple of Jerusalem and who preserved the purest form of Hebrew speech among all Diaspora communities), 600 Jews were joined by hundreds of other compatriots from other parts of Tunisia, France and Israel to join in the annual Lag b'Omer festival at the ancient Ghriba synagogue.

The name of the synagogue, Ghriba, means "stranger," and its blue faience walls which absorb reflected sunlight bathe the structure in a kind of incandescent glow. The synagogue, says Duteil, is venerated by both Jews and Arabs.

Tunisian authorities have, moreover, gone out of their way to assure worshippers' safety and they have become especially vigilant in this regard since 1985 when a beserk Tunisian soldier fired on Jews who had come to pray there.

The example of Tunisia and Morocco shows that the Arab world is not monolithic where Jews are concerned. Where there is good will, political differences need not inhibit travel and tourism. It will take a good while, of course, before the Arab countries of the Mideast (Egypt excepted) adopt Tunisia's healthy attitude towards Jews and Israelis. Meanwhile the good example provided by Tunisia promotes hope for the future.

EXHIBITION FOR THE BLIND

A group of four blind visitors examine a mosaic fragment from the new Eretz Yisrael Museum exhibition To Touch the Past. (I.P.P.A. photo]

Letters to the Editor

Letters are welcome if they are brief, in English or French, typewritten with lines double spaced, and of interest to our reading public. Readers are cautioned not to make sweeping claims against persons or institutions which they cannot verify, as libel laws are very stringent. We reserve the right to edit and condense letters, which must bear the sender's address, phone number and both handwritten and typed signatures.

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THE CASE FOR GAY SHULS

Joseph Green *(CJN,* June 4) depends on several uneducated assumptions and interpretations to present his opinions about Congregation Keshet Shalom. If he feels that he is hurt and injured by the existence of openly gay, lesbian and bisexual Jews in the community, it is we who are hurt by the narrow-minded sweeping claims he makes.

For many of our congregants, the words of Leviticus which are printed in the chumashim we read today are not the words of Hashem, but the words of our Jewish ancestors who were referring to infidelity in heterosexual marriages. The meaning of "toevah" is derived from the Hebrew "ata toeh ba" or "you go astray that way," not "disgusting perversion" as Mr. Green would have us believe.

For those of us who do indeed believe that the words of Vayikra 18:22 (not 66:22) werre uttered by Hashem, that phrase refers specifically to sexual ctivity that is harmful or abusive to others, not to loving expressions of gay or lesbian affection. As Rabbi Bradley Artson has stated in his alternate t'shuvah for the law committee of the Conservative movement's Rabbinical Assembly: "The Torah prohibits homosexual acts which are oppressive, coercive or idolatrous, but it is silent about a mutually-exclusive, long-term, adult homosexual relationship."

Our romantic of affectional orientation is not strictly prohibited by Hashem. On the contrary, we were blessed with a particular ability to express affection for others by the same G-d that created heterosexual Jews. Narrow-minded interpretations of a very small sentence in Vayikra do more harm to the Jewish community than good, and the unnecessary shame and psychological damage they cause for gay Jews is immeasurable.

At a time in Jewish history when assimilation is threatening the future of our culture, we are at a loss to understand why anyone would not support the establishment of another synagogue in the Jewish community. Many gay, lesbian and bisexual Jews drop their affiliations with that community, and Jewish culture in general, precisely because of the ignorant intolerance many shuls and other Jewish institutions have towards us.

Congregation Keshet Shalom is a member of the World Congress of Gay and Lesbian Jewish Organizations. Like other Congress members, it is an organization with special outreach to gay, lesbian and bisexual Jews who are unwilling to make a choice between their cultural heritage and their G-d given romantic orientation.

As for the invitation Mr. Green makes to participate in all aspects of Jewish communal life, we already participate — thank you very much. For many of our congregants, attendance at Keshet Shalom services and events is in addition to our attendance at other Jewish institutions, and statistics show that there is likely one gay Jew in every minyan.

We pray for the day when we will not need a shul that caters to the needs of our particular community of Jews. That day will come when all synagogues allow us to have the same freedom to be ourselves as non-gay Jews have, to have marriage ceremonies, to be recognized as families, to kiss each other Gut Shabbes at the end of services. Until the day comes when we won't feel the need to be Marranos in our own homes and synagogues and schools, there will be a need for organizations like Keshet Shalom.

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Toronto

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ONE-THIRD OUT OF WORK

Sheldon Kirshner writes *(CJN,* July 9) "comparatively few of the 400,000 Jews from the former Soviet Union who've poured into Israel since 1989 have so far found jobs or adequate housing. The unemployment rate among immigrants is about 35 percent."

Isn't there a contradiction somewhere? According to simple arithmetic that means 65 percent of immigrants have jobs. How can anyone call that "comparatively few?"

Considering that immigrants came in such great numbers and all a the same time, I would say that for a small country, Israel has done very well in such a short time.

Rabbi J. Spiro
Laval, Que.

Ed. note: Rabbi Spiro's "simple arithmetic" does not take into account the fact that unemployment figures apply only to those actively seeking work. More than one-third of those are unemployed; another third, mainly professionals, are underemployed. The unemployment rate in the Israeli population at large is now 11.5 percent, a level considered high by normal economic standards.

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THE FIRST BAT MITZVAH

An article in your June 4 issue erroneously attributes the origins of the practice of bat mitzvah to the Reform movement.

Historically the concern of the Reform movement for gender equality in liturgy and ritual is well established and worthy of praise. However, egalitarian bat mitzvah did not originate in Reform circles.

As you correctly reported in your article of March 12, the 70th anniversary of the first bat mitzvah ceremony was celebrated this past March at a Mincha-Maariv-Havdalah service in New York City. At that event, Judith Kaplan, the world's *first* bat mitzvah, spoke movingly to the hundreds of men and women in attendance about her modest part, and quite lovingly about her father Mordecai M. Kaplan's determination to realize an egalitarian Judaism as part of his new approach to Jewish living, which became known as Reconstructionist Judaism.

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Correction

A cutline for a photo on page 14 in the June 18 issue of *The CJN* identified the people shown as Moroccan Jews when in fact they are Yemenite Jews. We apologize for the error.

Opinion

A look at Latin American anti-Semitism

By RABBI W. GUNTHER PLAUT

A few weeks ago, a distinguished South American rabbi gave an unusual address to the 14th International Liaison Committee meeting, which comprises representatives of various religious groups. Among those in the audience were U.S. Cardinal Cassidy, World Jewish Congress president Edgar Bronfman and other distinguished guests. The speaker was Rabbi Henry I. Sobel, rabbi of one of the largest congregations in the Americas, located in Sao Paolo, Brazil. Here are some quotations from his address:

"Let me begin by apologizing, because I think I am going to disappoint you. I was invited to speak about anti-Semitism in Latin America. You would expect that after the attack in Buenos Aires less than two months ago, when 29 people were killed, 252 injured, the five-storey Israeli Embassy demolished and an adjacent building badly damaged — I would come before you with a dramatic appeal: Please save Latin American Jewry! Instead, I must tell you, in all honesty, that anti-Semitism is not a serious issue in Latin America. At least, it is much less serious than elsewhere.

Rabbi Plaut

"Look at what is happening in other continents. A new wave of anti-Semitism is spreading all over Central and Eastern Europe, where the old demons of extreme nationalism, chauvinism and religious intolerance are raising their ugly heads again. Witness the increasingly open anti-Semitism in Germany, the popularity of Jean-Marie Le Pen in France, the very real possibility of pogroms in Russia, the spread of Muslim fundamentalism in Arab countries in Central Asia, the growing number of deniers of the Holocaust all over the world.

"Look at what is happening in the United States of America, where racial prejudice is prevailing over justice, and where a Pat Buchanan and a David Duke, who made no secret of anti-Semitic feelings, were running for president! In America today, one can be an anti-Semite and still make a successful political career. There is a new level of tolerance for intolerance in the U.S.A."

Rabbi Sobel went on to show the generally low level of anti-Semitism in Latin America, pointing out that it is in no way institutionalized. There is no Ku Klux Klan, nor is anti-Semitism endorsed by any of the government on the continent. "The demonstration in Buenos Aires, on March 19, two days after the attack against the Israeli Embassy, when more than 7,000 people took to the street to protest terrorism, was personally led by President Carlos Menem, who declared that the atrocity would only strengthen the ties between Argentina and Israel."

Rabbi Sobel (quoting leading analysts) said that it was an attack choreographed by the Islamic Jihad and carried out under its orders by the local pro-Palestinian elements. "In other words, it was imported anti-Semitism, not home-grown Latin American anti-Semitism."

The rabbi went on to detail the dialogue between various Churches and the Jewish community that was taking place and that had proven finally successful. No, he admitted, Latin American Jewry did not live in a problem-free environment, but it was good and secure — regardless of what many others who were not fully familiar with the scene have been saying.

Thus, we North Americans have for some time come to perceive Latin American Jewry as an endangered species. Yet, if the popular conceptions were true, many South American Jews would be emigrating either to Israel or elsewhere. But they are not, certainly not in large numbers.

I am sure that the rabbi will not remain uncontradicted. I personally do not know enough to make any judgements in this regard. But I think my readers are entitled to hear a view which is decidedly different from what we have heard heretofore.

Election provides goodwill for Israel

By DAVID LANDAU

There were lots of sunny smiles and warm words of praise exchanged last week as Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin welcomed U.S. Secretary of State James Baker to Israel and then flew to Cairo for a summit meeting with Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak.

Israeli diplomats could only wonder how long the outpouring of international goodwill toward the week-old government would last.

Indeed, points of dispute between Israel and its neighbors were raised amid the week's whirlwind of diplomatic activity.

Yet the week, which included the first Israeli-Egyptian summit in six years, highlighted the dramatic impact Israel's foreign policy reorientation is having on its relations with other countries.

Following the Labor Party's upset victory in last month's elections, even seasoned ambassadors of the Jewish state were taken aback by the cascade of relief and even rejoicing that poured in from dozens of world capitals.

"The latent sympathy which has always been there is flooding to the surface," said one top Foreign Ministry official. "They think they've got the Israel they love to love again."

A more realistic view was expressed by Egyptian President Mubarak's close political aide, Osama el-Baz, who told officials accompanying the Israeli prime minister to Cairo on Tuesday that "we know it's going to be tough with Rabin."

"We shall still have disputes, over Jerusalem for example, or over the settlements," Baz said. "But at least there is someone we can talk to at last."

The Egyptian aide went on to attack Rabin's immediate predecessor, Yitzhak Shamir, with a vehemence that embarrassed the new prime minister's entourage.

Mubarak's desire to highlight his own gratification at the change of government in Israel was clearly part of the reason for inviting Rabin to Cairo so soon, even before the Israeli premier has visited Washington.

For six years, Mubarak stolidly spurned Shamir's overtures for a summit meeting, arguing that such an event must produce "tangible progress," agreed upon in advance.

Mubarak is still holding in reserve a further dramatization of the improved relationship, a visit by him to Israel, pending further progress in the peace process.

He told a joint news conference after his talks with Rabin that he had accepted the Israeli premier's invitation and would come at a "convenient" but unspecified time.

Nonetheless, the atmospherics of the Cairo conclave left little doubt that Egypt is determined to seize upon the new thinking in Jerusalem to push the negotiations forward.

In particular, Mubarak is anxious to ensure that Rabin does not devote all of Israel's peacemaking energies to the Palestinian autonomy talks while downgrading the negotiations with Syria.

In his view, as in the view of many regional players, if Syria is left out in the cold, it can and will exercise a spoiling influence on the Palestinians.

This same line of reasoning was advanced by Baker during his visit to Israel earlier last week, which was followed by stops in Jordan, Syria and Egypt.

Like Mubarak, the secretary of state wanted to hear from Rabin that there is flexibility in his position regarding the Golan Heights and that he is willing to proceed toward at least an interim agreement with the Syrians, parallel with the Palestinian negotiations.

According to Israeli sources, Rabin has in fact softened his pre-election position that the Palestinian talks are the top and virtually the sole priority for the new government.

In a possibly significant statement, a leading non-government observer, reserve Maj. Gen. Shlomo Gazit, broached the idea of Israeli-Syrian progress toward some form of interim agreement regarding southern Lebanon.

Gazit, a former commander of military intelligence who is still considered an important figure in military and political circles, pointed out that the dangers of instability between Syria and Israel have focused almost exclusively on southern Lebanon ever since the Israeli-Syrian disengagement agreement was signed 18 years ago.

Rabin, for his part, raised the problem of southern Lebanon in his discussion with Mubarak, specifically in the context of his host's assurances that Syria sincerely desires to advance toward peace.

Rabin asserted that Syria could significantly reduce the level of violence in southern Lebanon if it wished. Its influence over the Hezbollah and other hostile groups is overwhelming, he noted.

With the bilateral negotiations scheduled to resume soon, probably in Rome if security and logistics problems there can be solved, it will soon become clear whether the change of government in Israel will indeed catalyze momentum not only on the Palestinian front, but between Israel and all its Arab partners in the peace process.

Meanwhile, though, Israel hopes to reap some sizable dividends from its new flexibility on settlements in the territories, which the Bush administration has viewed as an obstacle to peace.

High on the agenda of Baker's talks with Israel's political and economic leadership was the Jewish state's longstanding request for U.S. guarantees covering billions of dollars in loans, which would be used to create jobs and housing for new immigrants.

Baker indicated that if an agreement on settlements could be worked out, the loan guarantees would be forthcoming, possibly within a month or two.

Asked in Cairo how close he was to working out such an agreement with the Israelis, Baker told reporters that some of the details "are still to be worked out."

But in a noticeable change in tone from the icy rhetoric used with the Shamir government, the American secretary said: "I am really very satisfied with the philosophy and the orientation of this new government of Israel toward the question of settlements. And I am satisfied that you are going to see a severe and substantial reduction in settlement activity." *(JTA)*

Preparing for summer camp a unique time

By ERICA MEYER RAUZIN

Yesterday, we drove our 9-year-old to summer camp. I took her to the sign-in desk, deposited her trunk and duffel bag in the luggage area, hugged her, kissed her, told her I love her, and left. That was the hard part.

She waved wanly, briefly clutched a porch column, and then walked up the wooden steps. I blew kisses and kept smiling until we drove out of sight around the bend on the lakeside road.

I've spent most of my time since that moment trying to imagine her activities. Waking up with the bugle, making her own bunk, eating kosher meals in the mess hall, swimming in the icy mountain lake, riding horses, learning nature crafts (the world needs more lanyards), singing around the camp-fire, and writing letters home. Especially writing letters home. If she wrote to me the very minute we drove out of sight, I should get the letter day after tomorrow. I might, or might not, last that long.

We hope she is having a great time, but we know she is equipped with great stuff. After all, she started packing two months ago. The camp's list of items she was supposed to bring would have equipped an army unit for six weeks active duty in Borneo. Sleeping bag. Flashlight (she took five). Hiking boots, riding boots, sneakers, sandals, beach thongs, thick socks, thin socks, jeans and shorts, T-shirts, beach shirts, sleep shirts, hair brush and toothbrush, soap and shampoo, hankies and blankets and more. She could stay gone two months with all that stuff, but I don't know how I'm going to last two weeks.

Erica Meyer Rauzin

The preparation almost did me in. Every item had to be chosen with care and labelled with precision. My daughter took the camp's list completely literally. Because the list said 12 T-shirts, neither 13 nor 11 would do. We counted every sock and sweat shirt. Her attitude was that once an item had been identified for camp, name-tagged for camp and placed in the camp trunk, it was absent for all other practical purposes.

The following dialogue, and others on a similar tack, took place innumerable time in the weeks before camp:

Child: "Mom, I need a bathing suit."

Mom: "There's one in your trunk."

Child: "It's for camp."

Mom: "Camp is in three weeks; it'll be dry by then."

Child, patient, weary: "It's for camp."

Mom, patient, weary: "Swimming in it today won't make any difference in being able to use it later. Go ahead' wear the suit."

Child: "It's for camp."

Once items went into that trunk, they clearly occupied a parallel universe, a netherworld, removed from ordinary access. They were science fiction items: visible, touchable, but totally useless.

My daughter stayed innately calm throughout the entire process, packing her stuffed rabbit as matter-of-factly as her pre-stamped, pre-addressed postcards. Her serenity was pierced by moments of panic; my (internal) panic was pierced by moments of serenity.

As carefully as we nurtured wings as well as roots, independence as well as identity, it is hard to see her grow up and fly away. We wanted this, we parents. This large transition to separate-personhood is necessary and natural. And we can handle it. I think.

Actually, the smaller blips in the "are you old enough" continuum turned out to be more surprising and thus more difficult to take. I knew she was old enough to iron on her own name tags. I knew she was old enough to write letters home, But I didn't know she would have such definitive taste about writing paper.

I know what her letters will say; I know what her answer will be to my question, "How's camp? I hope that her letters (after the first couple of homesick ones) will say "I'm fine." I hope she'll tell us, "Camp's fine." The reality is that she will know the rich details of this piece of her life, but we will not.

I knew she was still young enough to sit in the car, at the gates of the camp, and proclaim tearfully, "You just think I'm going to get out of the car. I'm not going."

But I didn't know she was old enough to dry her eyes, kiss her grandparents, walk with me to the porch, and go.

As we drove off, the small figure in the lavender shirt and the new overalls waved goodbye, released the porch column, and walked up the steps, climbing into a life entirely her own.

Features

The Jews of Arab lands

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

Jews in Arab lands have had their heyday.

Forty-five years ago, on the eve of the proclamation of Israeli statehood, the Arab world was home to some 800,000 Jews. Many of the Jewish communities were venerable, having been there before the Islamic conquests.

Today, by contrast, a vestigial remnant of fewer than 20,000 Jews remains, the ghost of a once-flourishing collectivity. Four decades on, Arab Jews and their descendants live mainly in Israel, France, Canada, the United States and Latin America.

Norman Stillman, a professor of history and Arabic at State University in New York, explores Arab Jewry in *The Jews of Arab Lands in Modern Times* (Jewish Publication Society of America, $39.95 U.S.) It is a valuable book designed for the general reader. The first part is a thorough examination of how Jews were affected by Western colonialism and Zionism. The second consists solely of primary sources, such as a report on Jewish emigration from Morocco and an Arab journalist's impression of the Jewish quarter in San'a, Yemen.

Stillman, who has a firm grasp of his topic, has written extensively about Arab Jewry. His previous work, *The Jews of Arab Lands*, is still something of a primer.

Arab Jews, he reminds us, were *ahl al-dhimmi*, or a tolerated minority. On the one hand, their lives were circumscribed by legal and social disabilities. On the other hand, the powers-that-be guaranteed their well-being, their property and their right to practise Judaism within certain limitations.

During periods of economic, social and political stability, Muslim society tended to be more liberal. Otherwise, Stillman argues, "the harsher and more restrictive elements of the system came to the fore."

By the 19th century, the vast majority of Arab Jews were poor and bore the burden of social isolation, inferiority and general opprobrium. Most lived in ghetto-like neighborhoods. Stillman claims that the worst-off Jews were from Morocco and Yemen.

In the 19th and 20th centuries, Jews welcomed European penetration and influence because they had no vested interest in the old social order, which merely tolerated them. Non-Muslims, he notes, tended to view Western colonialism in a favorable light because they equated it with modernization and progress.

Vast majority poor in 19th century

Two examples will suffice. In Iraq after World War II, the Jews appealed to the British high commissioner not to allow an Arab government to come to power or at least to grant British citizenship to the Jewish community en masse. In Libya, until the imposition of anti-Jewish laws in the late 1930s, most Jews preferred Italian rule to the Muslim alternative.

With the notable exception of Egypt, nowhere did Jews, as a group or even in significant numbers, identify with Arab nationalist movements. Jews feared their strong pan-Arab and pan-Islamic coloring. Egypt was different because of its more westernized, liberal political tradition and its prevailing cosmopolitan atmosphere.

Jews paid dearly for their generally positive attitude toward Western domination. Along with Christians, they incurred Muslim resentment. And, as Stillman points out, the Europeans brought with them anti-Semitism of both the traditional ecclesiastical and more recent racial varieties. These ideas made some headway among small circles of westernized Christian intellectuals in Syria and Egypt and among certain Palestinian nationalists. On their reading list was, among other titles, *Protocols of the Elders of Zion.*

Events in Palestine also had a bearing on Arab Jewish communities. Stillman claims that prior to the 1929 Wailing Wall riots, the Palestinian question evoked little popular interest in much of the Arab world. After those disturbances, however, that apathy was shattered. The strongest reactions were in Syria and Lebanon. But in Iraq, also, the tension aroused widespread empathy for the Palestinian Arabs. According to Stillman, pro-Palestinian feelings increased after 1929.

By the time Israel was established, he adds, "the very foundations" of Jewish communities throughout the Arab world had already been severely weakened. The Palestine issue, he argues, was a major contributing factor in all of this, acting as a catalyst.

With increasing frequency, Jews found themselves in a vulnerable position as the societies around them cultivated nationalisms with a marked ethnic (Arab) and religious (Muslim) component.

Jews, though usually protected from mob violence, were subjected to intimidating edicts, which prompted their departure to greener pastures.

Anti-Zionist agitation, with its corollary of anti-Jewish incitement, increased markedly in the mid-1940s. It probably gained momentum with the remark of one Egyptian premier that "all Jews are potential Zionists."

In Cairo, mobs pillaged Jewish businesses, and in Tripoli, Libyan Muslims ran amok in the Jewish quarter. In Bahrain, rioters destroyed a synagogue. All told, pogroms claimed about 50 Jews in 1948 alone.

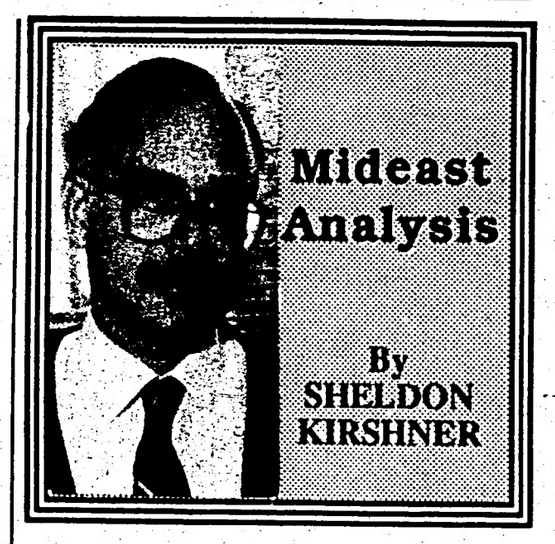
The Egyptian Jewish community, among the most integrated, suffered in particular. During the first Arab-Israeli war, explosions rocked the Jewish-owned Circurel and Oreco department stores. In 1954, after Jewish espionage and sabotage rings comprising young Egyptian Jews working for Israel were uncovered, the authorities cracked down.

The 1956 Suez War, together with Egypt's nationalization policies and the 1967 Six Day War, spelled finis to Egyptian Jewry.

Nowadays, the Arab world is practically bereft of Jews. Communities in Egypt, Iraq, Lebanon and Libya have been vastly reduced. Those in Morocco (10,000 or less), Syria (approximately 4,000), Tunisia (a little more than 2,000) and Yemen (2,000 or more) have at best uncertain prospects.

As Stillman intimates, a chapter in Jewish history may be coming to a close.

A Jewish girls' school in Tetouan, Morocco, circa 1925



Yitzhak Rabin, Israel's newly elected prime minister, has moved quickly to set a new tone.

Less than three weeks after succeeding Yitzhak Shamir, Rabin has taken bold steps to shift Israel's national priorities, and in doing so, he has improved Israel's relations with the United States and Egypt, and given the peace process a much-needed shot in the arm.

Rabin, the head of Israel's first Labor party government since 1977, has drastically restricted the building of new settlements in the territories, something the ideologically-driven Shamir would not do, and this important policy shift has already paid dividends.

In the wake of Rabin's meeting with American Secretary of State James Baker in Jerusalem last week, it now seems clear that Israel has fulfilled Washington's conditions for receiving up to $10 billion in loan guarantees over five years. There are strong indications that when Rabin meets President George Bush at his country home in Maine next month, Bush will make the official announcement, and thereby end an unusually rancorous period in the United States' relationship with Israel.

Bush had refused to grant loan guarantees to Shamir because of his insistence on continuing with his settlement program. The United States considers settlements an impediment to peace, but the Likud government did not take this into consideration. Before his illusions were irretrievably shattered, Shamir nonchalantly believed that he could have settlements *and* loan guarantees. As a result of this attitude, Israel's relations with the United States suffered.

In contrast to Shamir, Rabin is not encumbered by ideological baggage. A pragmatist, Rabin advocates territorial compromise, while believing that Jews have historic and religious rights on the West Bank.

Rabin sets new tone

Instead of pouring scarce resources into "political" settlements in heavily populated Palestinian areas, which Likud was wont to do, Rabin intends to maintain "security" settlements, which were established strictly for military reasons. By shifting gears, Israel can redirect excess funds to such vital concerns as unemployment (which stands at 11.6 percent) and aliyah from the former Soviet Union (which, because of a scarcity of jobs, has sharply decreased of late).

The loan guarantees, which will be channelled toward the historic task of immigrant absorption, will enable Israel to create more jobs and build new housing. This activity, in turn, may foster a better investment climate.

In the meantime, U.S. assistance to Israel remains undiminished. Recently, Congress passed a $13.8 billion foreign aid bill, of which Israel will receive $3 billion ($1.2 billion in economic aid and $1.8 billion in military grants).

Rabin's approach to settlements is appreciated not only by the United States, but by Egypt. Immediately after his talks with Baker, Rabin flew to Cairo for discussions with Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak, whose contacts in the Arab world could facilitate the current peace process, which got under way in Madrid last October.

Rabin's visit was the first by an Israeli prime minister in six years and thus marked an appreciable improvement in Israeli-Egyptian relations. Mubarak had deliberately snubbed Shamir, calling his policies retrogressive. By contrast, Mubarak's chief spokesman said that an invitation had been extended to Rabin because he had expressed "serious readiness to push the peace process forward."

Unlike Shamir, Rabin seeks an agreement on Palestinian autonomy fairly soon, within nine months. Shamir, in an interview after his electoral defeat, said his strategy had been to drag out talks while populating the territories with still more Jewish settlers. In addition, Rabin hopes to improve the prospects of success in Israel's bilateral negotiations with Jordan, Syria and Lebanon.

Last but not least, Rabin wants to end Israel's "cold peace" with Egypt by upgrading political, commercial, tourist and cultural ties with Cairo. This can well happen if there is real movement toward an Arab-Israeli and an Israeli-Palestinian rapprochement.

Tova Mordechai's spiritual odyssey

By
STEVE LIPMAN

This is how Tova Mordechai went from Christian minister to Orthodox Jew: She was born to an Egyptian Jewish mother and a Christian preacher father in Greenborough, England, was raised as Tonica Marlow in the small British town, attended a Church of England training college for nine years, was ordained as a minister, became disillusioned with Christianity, established surreptitious ties with a chassidic rabbi, "ran away" from school at 25 early one Sunday morning with only the clothes on her back, spent several months with an observant family in London, studied at women's yeshivas in Minnesota and Israel, took on her little-used Hebrew name, married an Episcopalian-born convert, settled in the mystical city of Safed and temporarily moved to Crown Heights, Brooklyn, with her family five years ago.

And this is why: "I was looking for God."

Eleven years after she left the religion of her British-born father for the faith of her forefathers, leaving behind a career as a noted preacher, Mordechai has again become a public figure.

Playing with Fire, her autobiography, was published recently by bp, a small Brooklyn-based firm. The 377-page work relates her spiritual journey — her quest for truth, her growing doubts about Christianity, her embracement of Orthodox Judaism, her struggle to resolve doubts about her theological choice, her uneasy relationship with her Pentecostal family and her resentment toward the seminary director who warned her that her flirtation with the "dead" Jewish religion was "playing with fire."

Mordechai's book, which took three years to write, is making constant demands on her time. There are lectures at least once a week, mostly out of town. And media interviews. And letters from strangers. And telephone calls — people want to discuss her book or share their own religious experiences.

"I wasn't looking for 'religion.' I wasn't looking for an adventure. I didn't want to do something dramatic," she says. "I wanted to serve God.

"I found God," she adds, in the faith her Orthodox-raised mother had forsaken decades earlier.

She concludes that her life as a Christian had offered spiritual experiences — bouts of fasting, speaking in tongues, interpreting other worshippers' "prophesying."

Her voice rising, Mordechai describes the steps she took toward Judaism — the first time she observed a traditional Sabbath, the first time she lit candles on Friday night, the first time she went to the mikveh. "The beautiful thing about Torah — it doesn't matter what you do, you connect yourself with eternity."

Her apartment is decorated with crayon drawings by her three young sons. The family is living in Brooklyn while husband, Chananiah, who was ordained as a rabbi in Israel, is studying for certification in radiography.

Now 35, she works as a bookkeeper in a local doctor's office, studies Yiddish in her spare time to assist in her children's studies and co-ordinates the promotion of her book. she yearns to return to the family's apartment in Safed and to her job as a counsellor for young women.

As an author and public speaker, the former preacher's life has come full circle. Once again she is exhorting audiences to return to God, once again she is one religion's showpiece — a believer with roots in another faith.

Mordechai says she wrote her book — reluctantly, piece-meal, at the urging of a respected rabbi — and leaves home nearly every week (her speaking engagements have taken her around the United States and to Australia) to strengthen other Jews' Yiddishkeit.

Mordechai says her final separation from Christianity "was like a divorce. It broke my heart. I want my readers to know that."

Her parents, she says, have not accepted her decision; they think she'll reconsider. They visited her twice in Israel; she hasn't returned to England for almost 10 years, but plans to go back eventually for a lecture.

Out of respect for their feelings, Mordechai hasn't told her mother or father about *Playing with Fire.*

"My parents don't know I've written the book," she concedes. "They don't know I go around the world lecturing. They only know I'm very busy."

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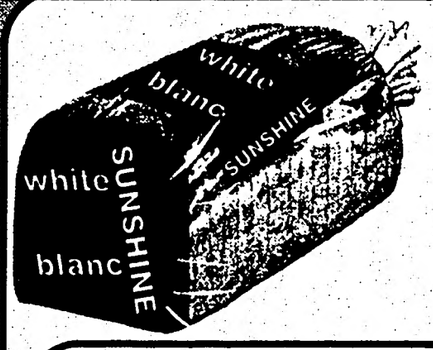

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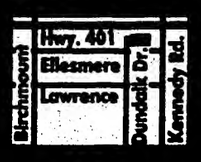

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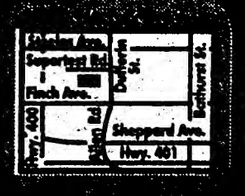

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Organizations and People

Vaughan, Ramla leaders discuss twinning cities

By FRANCES KRAFT

TORONTO—
A long-planned visit by Moshe Peretz, mayor of Ramla, Israel, and his delegation, took place this month as the first step in a proposed twinning between Ramla and the city of Vaughan.

The week-long visit by Peretz, deputy mayor Shlomo Azulai, councillor Yoram Rabbi, treasurer David Somech and their wives included meetings with officials from Canadian Jewish Congress, the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto, B'nai Brith and the City of Vaughan.

According to Vaughan councillor Bernie Green, who co-ordinated the week's activities, the purpose of the visit was to allow the Ramla delegation to get to know Vaughan and its representatives toward "what I hope will eventually be" a twinning, and also to provide the opportunity for the Ramla delegates to meet Jewish officials and learn about Canadian Jewish life. The Jewish population of Vaughan is over 25,000 strong, representing a quarter of the city's total population.

Ramla, a city of 60,000 people, is located between Jerusalem and Tel Aviv. Its population consists of Jews, Arab Christians and Arab Muslims, all of whom live "in co-existence and harmony," says Peretz. The Arab population of Ramla doesn't have any financial problems, he adds.

Youth exchange programs

Ramla is very similar to Vaughan, says Bernie Green. "It's a multicultural society very much like our own."

The most significant benefit of a twinning with Ramla would be in the form of youth exchange programs, says Vaughan mayor Lorna Jackson. She explained that Vaughan council is examining a "cultural twinning," not an economic alliance, although "there are often economic benefits" to cultural twinnings, such as increased business dealings between the two communities.

In 1990 Vaughan twinned with Sora, Italy, in recognition of Vaughan's large Italian population (50 percent of its 106,000 inhabitants). A subsequent visit by Italian students who were billeted in Vaughan was "very worthwhile," says Jackson.

Although there was opposition to the proposed twinning with Arab-established Ramla last year (from the Canadian Arab Federation's then-president James Kafieh), Jackson told *The CJN* last week that there has been no further comment from the Arab community. She added that Ramla's city council includes two Arabs.

"I feel that twinning brings better understanding," said Jackson, "and through that comes peace."

A delegation from Vaughan has been invited to visit Ramla next year.

Vaughan councillor Bernie Green (left) welcomed Ramla mayor Moshe Peretz on his recent visit to Vaughan. [Alron photo]

Country club stages benefit to help Russians

By LEN BUTCHER

This is a story about a young group of excited, enthusiastic Russian entertainers, many of them Jewish, who came to Canada four months ago to tour with their musical, *Russians on Broadway*. It was a dream come true.

But the Russians learned that life can be just as hard here as it is in Russia. After a successful start, the bubble burst. The money that was supposed to finance the show was suddenly gone. Even their airline tickets, which were on a Yugoslav airline, were deemed invalid. Their situation was widely reported in the news media back in April, but this didn't alter the fact that some 50 members of the show were broke. They couldn't go home and they couldn't put on a show.

Worse yet, they couldn't pay their hotel bills and were soon asked to leave. The public responded, offering them lodging in private homes. Now, four months later, there are 35 still here and in the same position, but there is a ray of hope.

Rose Shapiro of the Richmond Hill Country Club called to tell me that the club has offered its facilities to the group to stage a benefit to raise money for the members. "They're in a very difficult situation," Shapiro said, "and we really want to help them. It's very hard on them being in a strange country, living in someone's house and separated from the rest of the group."

Yuli Zorov, the Jewish artistic director and choreographer, who with wife Luba are trying to keep the show alive, says their greatest need is to find venues to present the show. "Everyone wants money up front and that's something we don't have," he said. "We're willing to make any kind of an arrangement to put our show on and then share the money from the ticket sales, but it's very hard to find people willing to do that."

The benefit will be held Saturday night, August 15 at the Richmond Hill Country Club, 8905 Bathurst St. Tickets are $25 before August 14 or $30 on August 14 and 15.

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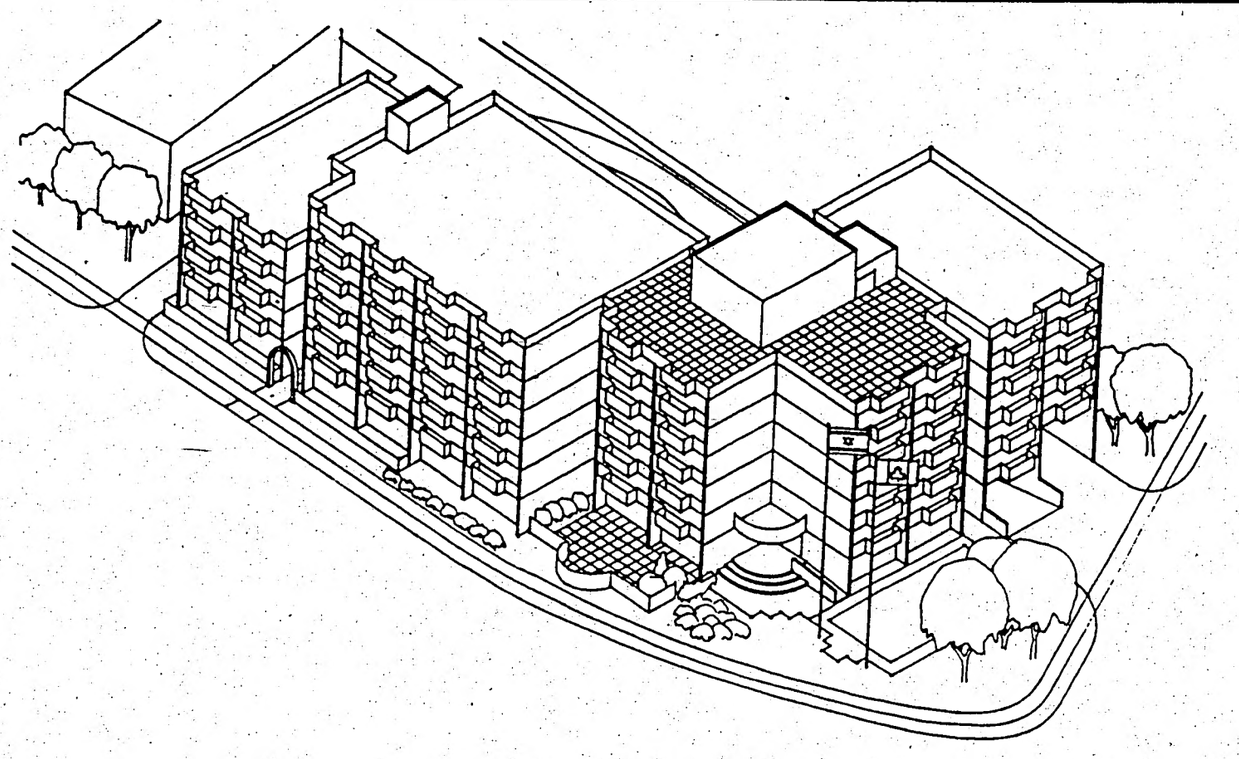

The proposed design for Wingate House consists of a 104-unit low-rise apartment building.

Retirement home planned

By FRANCES KRAFT

TORONTO —

Sam Romberg, president of the General Wingate branch of the Royal Canadian Legion, is hoping that the group's proposed retirement home for veterans and seniors will become a reality in the next year or two.

"There is nothing [similiar] available in the district for veterans," Romberg told *The CJN* in a recent interview at branch quarters, located over a store in the Eglinton-Bathurst area.

Subject to a zoning change and approval of government funding, the 104-unit low-rise apartment, to be known as Wingate House, will be built on the southwest corner of Rajah Street and Neptune Drive, west of Bathurst Street between Lawrence Avenue and Wilson Avenue.

Plans include recreation areas and space for new quarters for the General Wingate branch.

The branch, with close to 300 members, is one of six Jewish (or mostly Jewish) branches of the Legion across Canada (the others are in Vancouver, Winnipeg, Windsor, Hamilton and Montreal). Its history goes back to at least 1932, when it was known simply as "the Jewish branch" according to branch secretary Al Labovitch.

When Legion officials decided that all branches should have a name, branch members decided on General Wingate to honor the memory of the Zionistic British Army officer who had served in Palestine and helped the Haganah.

Although the members consist of Jewish war veterans, they are not to be confused with the Jewish War Veterans post. The two groups support each other and have overlapping memberships, the main difference being that the Legion is non-political, explained Romberg.

Branch activities include public-speaking contests for schoolchildren, speaking at school assemblies, an annual memorial service at Mount Sinai Cemetery before Rosh Hashanah, and support of charities such as United Jewish Appeal and the Canadian Cancer Society.

Branch members are now working on raising the $60,000 to $70,000 needed for starting expenses on the housing project.

"We're getting a lot of calls [from people who are interested in moving to Wingate House]," says Romberg. "Some of the members have asked to be put on the list."

Zeidman to assume Jewish studies chair at Queen's University

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

KINGSTON —

The occupant of the newly-established chair in Jewish Studies at Queen's University will be Reena Zeidman.

She will take up her duties on Aug. 1, as an assistant professor in the department of religious studies in the faculty of arts and science.

For the first two years, Zeidman will hold the title of Jewish Studies Scholar. Upon termination of the post-doctoral fellowship she received from the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada, she will become the official occupant of the chair.

Zeidman, a Canadian who grew up in Toronto, specializes in Rabbinics, but her interests range from Jewish popular culture and biblical exegesis to medieval Jewish literature and modern Hebrew literature.

She has a BA and two post-graduate degrees from the University of Toronto. In 1982 and 1983, she studied Bible and Talmudic history at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem.

Now 30, Zeidman says the chair at Queen's "is a welcome addition to the academic map."

She believes that Jewish Studies programs are experiencing a remarkable growth. "We have the phenomenon of a field which was almost without representation in North American universities 25 years ago, and is now a large and flourishing area of university studies.

Reena Zeidman

"Here is a success story which has few parallels in North American higher education."

Zeidman says that Jewish Studies will continue to grow as Jewish texts in former Communist countries are discovered and as scholars pour over new pages from the Dead Sea Scrolls.

Jewish Studies, she observes, are intellectually exciting because they're inter-disciplinary, yet "hold fast to (their) own unique elements."

Zeidman is confident that they will find a place in Kingston.

As she puts it:"I envision that Queen's University will play a critical role in the upkeep of Jewish Studies."

Her parents are Bob and Fay Zeidman, who have two other daughters. Zeidman's father is an Ontario civil servant.

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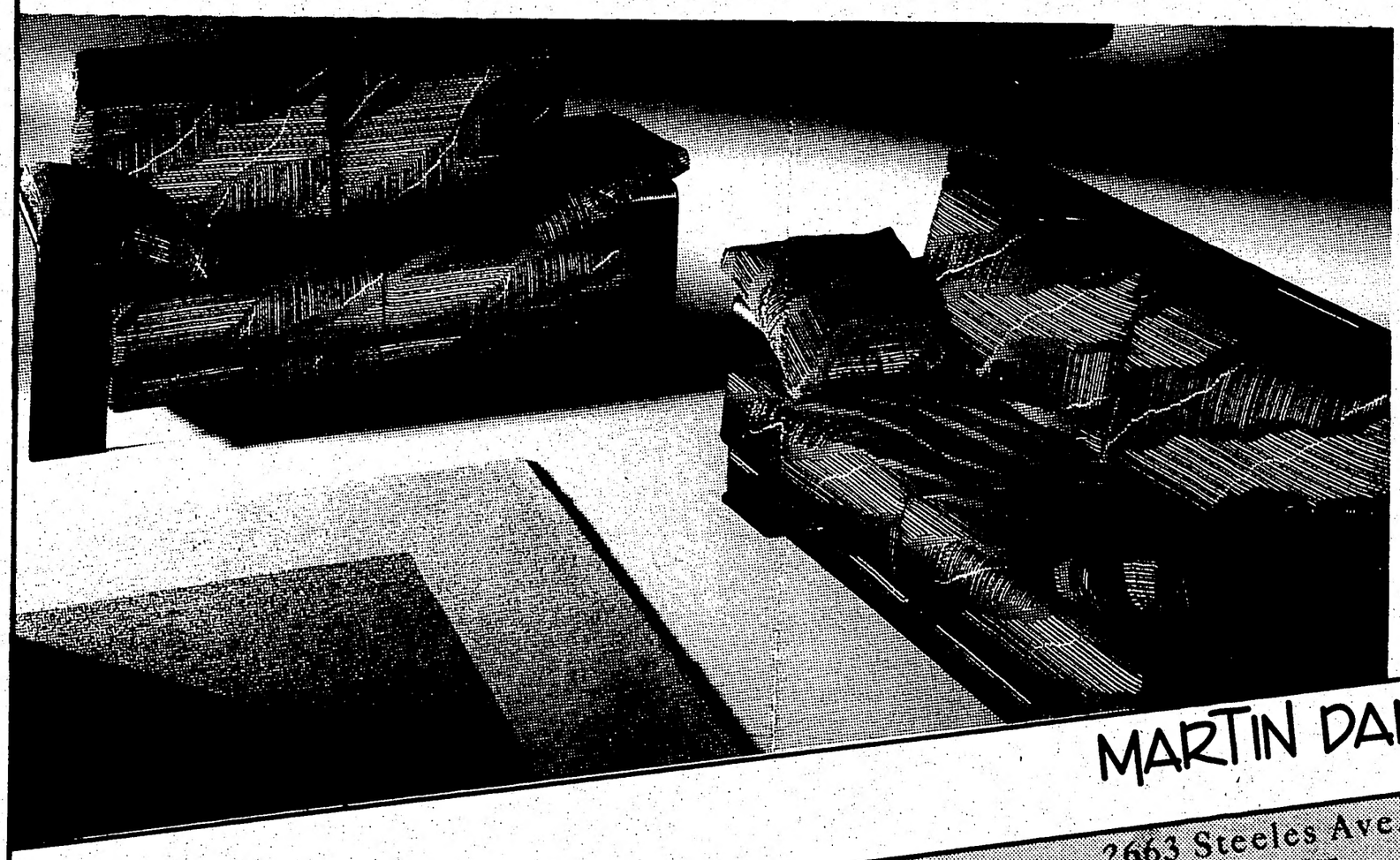

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By
MIRIAM HERMAN

DEADLINE REMINDER

Thursday, July 30, is deadline for the Aug. 13 issue, which brings us back to the regular deadline schedule, and Thursday, Aug. 6, is deadline for the Aug. 20 issue. Please note that I am at my desk on Thursdays only to receive your calls and sort my mail.

Thursday, July 30

INTERNATIONAL LECTURE SERIES

Forest Hill Place Retirement Residence summer international lecture series with **Morton Manilla** continues with the topic Turkey and Iran: Two Models for Central Asia. The time is 2 p.m. at 645 Castlefield Ave.

There is no admission charge but space is limited and early reservations are requested. Contact **Marlene White** at 785-1511.

Sunday, Aug. 2

OLDER WOMEN'S NETWORK

The North York chapter of the Older Women's Network, a feminist discussion group, is meeting at 1:45 p.m. at North York Central Library, 5120 Yonge St. The group meets the first Sunday of every month. For more information, call 423-4674 or 493-3382.

Monday, Aug. 3

EVA FISHMAN SHOW

The Eva Fishman Show featuring **Vlad Handera**, master of ceremonies, **Moshe Turk** and his orchestra (courtesy of the Music Performance Fund); **Tova**, Middle Eastern dancer, and songs by **Arnie Wishkin** and **Freda Landsberg** goes on stage at the Barry Zukerman Amphitheatre in Earl Bales Park at 7 p.m. sharp. Free tickets will be available at the box office from 6 p.m. The event is sponsored by **Mr. and Mrs. Charles Mint**.

Friday, Aug. 7

HAPPY MUSICAL HOUR

Concert pianist **Lola Julitta Burns** will perform at Lincoln Place, 429 Walmer Rd., from 2-3 p.m. The program will feature dancing, semi-classical and Jewish music.

And What Else Is New...

THE JEWISH MARRIAGE IDEAL

Energy, Synergy, Beauty, Unity: The Jewish Marriage Ideal, a four-part self-contained lecture series presented by Ohr Somayach/JEP Thornhill during the month of August, will focus on The Beauty of Jewish Marriage; Smashing the Idols-Dispelling the Myths of Niddah; Privacy in the Age of Public Image, and Jewish Values-Feministic Values-Can There Be a Common Meeting Ground.

The series takes place on consecutive Monday evenings, Aug. 10-31, from 8:30-9:30 at 613 Clark Ave. W. The lecturer, **Rena Schochet**, is director of women's studies programs and is a counsellor qualified in Jewish marriage education. For registration and information, call Ohr Somayach/JEP Thornhill office at 886-5730.

VISIT SOUTHERN SPAIN & ISRAEL

An historic trip to southern Spain and Israel, sponsored by Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue and the committee for adult education, is an opportunity to follow in the footsteps of **Samuel HaNagid**, the grand vizier of the Kingdom of Granada and the most powerful Jew to live in Muslim Spain. Study the history of the Jews of Andalusia. Accompanying scholar and lecturer will be **Rabbi Barry Schneider**, who has just completed two years of lectures on the Jews of Spain.

The trip runs Nov. 1-15 and includes 10 days in Spain and four days in Israel. For information, call 633-3838 or 630-5024.

ARTISTS TAKE NOTE

The Jewish Community Centre Bloor Y branch is now accepting applications from artists wishing to display their works of art at the facility. Please submit your request by Aug. 20. All works will be reviewed by a selection committee.

For information, call **Luni** at 924-6211.

ONEG SHABBAT

Shaarei Tefillah Brotherhood and Sisterhood are jointly sponsoring an Oneg Shabbat Friday, Aug. 14, at 7 p.m. The evening will feature a fully catered Shabbat meal by Rose Lazar Catering Services, Shabbat candlelighting for women, rousing Shabbat melodies and interesting topics of discussion. Babysitting will be provided following the meal. Everyone is invited to attend.

The cost is $35 per person. A children's menu will be available at half price for children under 8 years of age. Children under 4 are admitted free of charge. For more information, call **Sharon** at 787-1631.

HUNGARIAN-CANADIAN SERVICES

Hungarian-Canadian Community Services (Ontario), 3101 Bathurst St., provides a wide range of services and programs for the Hungarian-speaking population in Metro Toronto, free of charge, in either Hungarian or English.

These services and programs are made possible through grants from New Horizon, Canada Health and Welfare; North York Municipality, Ontario Women's Directory and Hungarian organizations and individuals. Volunteers are always welcome.

For service and program details, call acting director **Suzanne Lando** at 781-7090.

HIGH HOLIDAY TICKETS

Lodzer Centre Congregation, 12 Heaton St. (Bathurst-Sheppard area) is now selling High Holiday tickets. Services are held in the congregation's air-conditioned hall. Members and non-members are welcome. Call the synagogue office at 636-6665.

TILES IN MEMORY OF LOVED ONES

The Holocaust remembrance committee of the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto has announced the final opportunity for survivors, family members and others in the community to dedicate a tile in memory of a loved one. Inscribed tiles will line the walls of the Hall of Memories of the Holocaust Education and Memorial Centre of Toronto, located in the Lipa Green Building. Yiddish and Hebrew lettering is also available.

Requests for tiles should be made before Sept. 1. A tax-deductible contribution will be appreciated. Call **Pnina Spetgang**, Holocaust Remembrance Committee director, at 635-2883 ext. 153 for more information. Cheques are payable to the Holocaust Education and Memorial Centre of Toronto, 4600 Bathurst St., Suite 519, Willowdale, M2R 3V2.

JF&CS SUMMER WORKSHOPS

Jewish Family & Child Service is offering the following summer workshops:

Widows/Widowers Group — coping with grief, living alone, changing relationships and looking ahead (begins Wednesday, Aug. 5).

Surviving Separation and Divorce — living alone, dealing with feelings, separating from the past and looking ahead (begins Thursday, Aug. 6).

For Women Only — self-esteem, communication, relationships, time management and more (begins July 28).

For information about dates, registration and fees, call **Pat Lieberman** at 638-7800, ext. 215.

TTC INFORMATION

The Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) travel information is now available in 140 languages by calling the TTC's information number, 393-INFO (393-4636)

AND NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers are needed by AND, the Association for the Neurologically Disabled of Canada which provides in-the-home rehabilitation and support services for persons with neurological disabilities. Helpers are needed to organize and prepare for the annual bazaar, silent auction and fundraising campaign; to operate a weekly bingo; for administrative tasks and patient support at the quarterly rehabilitation clinics; and to help mail out the quarterly newsletter.

Your interests and skills will be matched with the tasks. Students obtain work experience and a reference for their resume. Donations for the fall bazaar or silent auction are welcome. Call 665-9050 or 244-1992 and leave a message.

SCHOLARSHIP WINNER

Ronit Rosenfield, a graduate of Associated Hebrew Schools, is the first recipient of the Ernest Richard Pearl Memorial Scholarship, which is administered by the Associated Hebrew Schools. Ronit, a student at Ulpana Orot, submitted an essay on an article of Jewish thought that was adopted from a lecture by Rabbi Joseph B. Soloveitchik. The presentation was made at a special Junior High assembly at both the Neptune and Danilack branches. From left are Marvin Pearl, Susan Pearl, Ronit, and Rahhi Pinchas Brumer.

CANADIANS HONORED

Three Canadians were honored at the recent gathering of the Hebrew University's international board of governors on Mount Scopus in Jerusalem. From left are J. Stephen Lipper of Montreal, national president, Canadian Friends of the Hebrew University; Prof. Irwin Cotler of McGill University, Montreal, honorary doctorate recipient; Louis Frieberg of Toronto, honorary fellowship recipient; and Abe Gray of Vancouver, on the occasion of the establishment of the Abe Gray Chair in Business Administration.

DANCE STUDIO OPENS

Friends and family of Harold and Miriam Green gathered recently to celebrate the dedication of the Jacque Foesier Dance Studio at the Jewish Community Centre. A member of the JCC staff for over 30 years, Foesier is director of the Koffler School of Dance. He is the first staff person to be so honored. From left are Miriam Green, Harold Green and Jacque Foesier.

NEW SCHOLARSHIP

Ben Ocopnick (right), former executive director, Ontario region of United Israel Appeal of Canada, and his wife Sheila (centre) were recently presented with a certificate acknowledging the establishment of the Ben and Sheila Ocopnik Scholarship Endowment Fund at Ben-Gurion University of the Negev by Prof. Amos Richmond (left), director, Jacob Blaustein Institute for Desert Research.

for seniors

The Wagman Centre Self-Help Widows Group, 55 years of age and over, meets every other Sunday to help each other deal with mourning and adjust to loss. The meetings provide a supportive environment where group members can share experiences and make new friends. The next meeting is Aug. 2 from 1-2:30 p.m. in the Wagman Centre library, 55 Ameer Ave. Group co-ordinator is **Toby Warsh**. For more information, call **Paula David** at 789-5131, ext. 2271.

Earl Bales Seniors' Club upcoming events include Saturday dances Aug. 1 and 8 from 7-10 p.m. in the club house; the movie *Grace Quigley* Wednesday, Aug. 5, at 2 p.m. in the clubhouse; Sunday dance with a live band Aug. 16 from 7:30-10:30 p.m. at Earl Bales Community Centre; Buffalo shopping trip for members only Tuesday, Sept. 8; annual bazaar Sunday, Sept. 20, in the clubhouse (good, clean clothing and household items needed); local day trips for members only ($5). For information on these and other events and activities, call 636-7856.

The Good Age Club at the JCC Bloor Y branch invites you to a barbecue Wednesday, Aug. 12, at 1:30 p.m. This is free for members, $5 for guests. To register, call **Luni** at 924-6211.

LZA Seniors Club is now taking registration for the Miami trips at the Di Lido Hotel for five, seven, nine- week and three-month stays. Registration takes place each Wednesday morning from 10 to noon in the Borochov Centre, 272 Codsell Ave. The Discussion Group continues Tuesday mornings at 10 and the Dance Group Tuesday afternoons at 1 at the Borochov Centre. The Stratford trip is completely booked.

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Aluma Canadian Israeli Club, now meeting at the B'nai Brith Building, 15 Hove St., will be showing the hit movie *Avi Toledano in Morocco* Monday, Aug. 10, at 7 p.m. All Israelis over 55 are invited. At the July 27 meeting **Haaron Dahary** spoke about the elections and new government in Israel. For information, call the BB Building at 633-6224.

Shaarei Shomayim Friendship Club announces that the date of the Fenelon Falls cruise has been changed to Aug. 27. A 90-minute video by **Victor Borge** will be screened Monday, Aug. 31, at 1 p.m. A super Purim trip to Israel is planned March 1-22. Ongoing activities will continue. For information on trips and programs, call **Lena** at 785-5773 or **Ruth** at 224-5923. The Golden Book is a great way to mark special occasions. Your donations go to Laniado Hospital in Israel. Call **Dorothy Bloomfield** at 787-1526.

Sunshine Seniors, 55 plus, invites you to enjoy fun-filled day-away tours: picnic in the Beaches, Tuesday, Aug. 10; Orillia cruise, comedy version of the play *On Golden Pond* and tour of **Stephen Leacock's** home, Wednesday, Aug. 26; Stage West featuring a romantic comedy with all-you-can-eat buffet, Wednesday, Sept. 2. All tours include surprise extras. Call **Sylvia** at 730-0503.

Ten-pin bowling for older adults (both men and women, singles and couples) is held every other Saturday evening. If you are interested in jouning this cingenial group, call **Charlotte** at 638-4413 or **Ray** at 781-0906.

During August, the new senior citizen club **Hadar** will be meeting on Wednesdays only from 12:30-4:30 p.m. at Garnet A. Williams Community Centre, Room 3, 501 Clark Ave., Thornhill. For more information, call **Viola Landman** at 886-2625.

The Wagman Centre Summer Outings program has arranged a trip to the Shaw Festival to see **Charley's Aunt**, Tuesday, Aug. 11. For details, call **Chyla Talesnick** at 789-5131, ext. 2274.

The Travel Club, a fun-loving group 50 plus, is featuring two days at picturesque Chautauqua, N.Y., Aug. 22-23 to see **Shirley Jones**. For more information, call **Bernice** at 633-7034 or **Edith** at 638-3652.

Sunrise, a social group, is arranging a trip to the Catskills at the Pines Hotel, Aug. 31-Sept. 4, ($495 Canadian funds) with deluxe bus, deluxe medical insurance plus a visit to New York. Call **Esther** at 932-2534.

CENTRE FOR CREATIVE LIVING

The Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living is located at 1003 Steeles Ave. W. The phone number is 225-2112.

A public affairs forum on the topic Ethnic Integration Into Canadian Society — Is It Happening? is scheduled for Wednesday, Aug. 5, at 1:30 p.m. Panelists are **Abraham Bogler**, Toronto Association of Israelites in Canada; **Amy Go**, Chinese Canadians' Council; **Robert Furman**, Soviet Jewry in Canada; and **Laurence Bernstein**, Canadian South African Association and Chamber of Business. This is open to the community and there is no charge.

Toronto-based artist **Gail Schwartz** is making an audiovisual presentation of her latest award winning works Monday, Aug. 10, at 1:30 p.m. The life-sized mixed-media works are an exploration of the artist's Jewish heritage. Her latest work focuses on the Ethiopian Jews rescued by Israel. There is no charge for this event.

The annual open house, entitled Celebrate a Dynamic Decade of Creative Living, will highlight 10 years of achievement at the Steeles Avenue location. The date is Tuesday, Aug. 18, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. There will be memorabilia, entertainment, raffle, international foods, programs in action, sidewalk sale, door prizes. Admission is free and everyone is welcome.

Marvin Rosenschein, well-known entertainer, appeared recently as guest artist at the centre's annual Volunteer Banquet. Rosenschein, whose songs are appreciated by one and all, touched the hearts and souls of the 350 volunteers invited to the function. Anyone interested in volunteering is asked to call **Barbara Zigler**, co-ordinator of Volunteer Services, at 225-2112.

Yemenite and belly-dancing with **Dali Nadav** is set for Sunday, Aug. 2, at 2:30 p.m. Charge is $2.50 members, $3.50 non-members.

The movie *High Society* will be screened Sunday, Aug. 9, at 2:30 p.m. Members free, non-members $1.

Liza Shein will take you Around the World with Song at the Wednesday afternoon social Aug. 12 at 1:30 p.m. Charge is $2.50 members, $3.50 non-members.

at the JCC

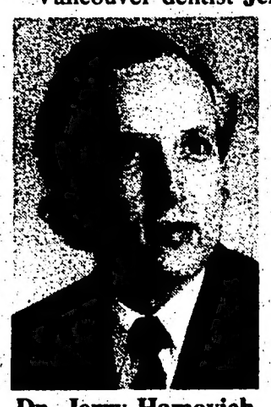
The Jewish Community Centre Bloor Y branch, 750 Spadina Ave. (at Bloor) invites you to try Israeli dancing on the roof, Thursday, Aug. 13, from 7:30-9:30 p.m. Admission is $2. For information, call **Luni** at 924-6211.

Rooftop '92 — the tradition continues. Come and join in an evening of dancing and socializing at the JCC Bloor Y rooftop party Thursday, Aug. 20, from 7-11 p.m. Cost is $12. There will be door prizes. Attendance is limited to 150 people. Call 924-6211.

About People

VANCOUVER FRIENDS OF HEBREW U

Vancouver dentist **Jerry Hamovich** was recently installed as president of the Vancouver Friends of the Hebrew University, succeeding **Rose Marie Glassman.**



Dr. Jerry Hamovich

Dr. Hamovich, a native of Winnipeg, has been active with the Friends for almost 10 years and has served with many community organizations, including the Jewish Federation of Greater Vancouver, Beth Israel Synagogue and Talmud Torah Hebrew Day School.

He and his wife, **Queenie**, have one daughter.

CULTURAL FORUM

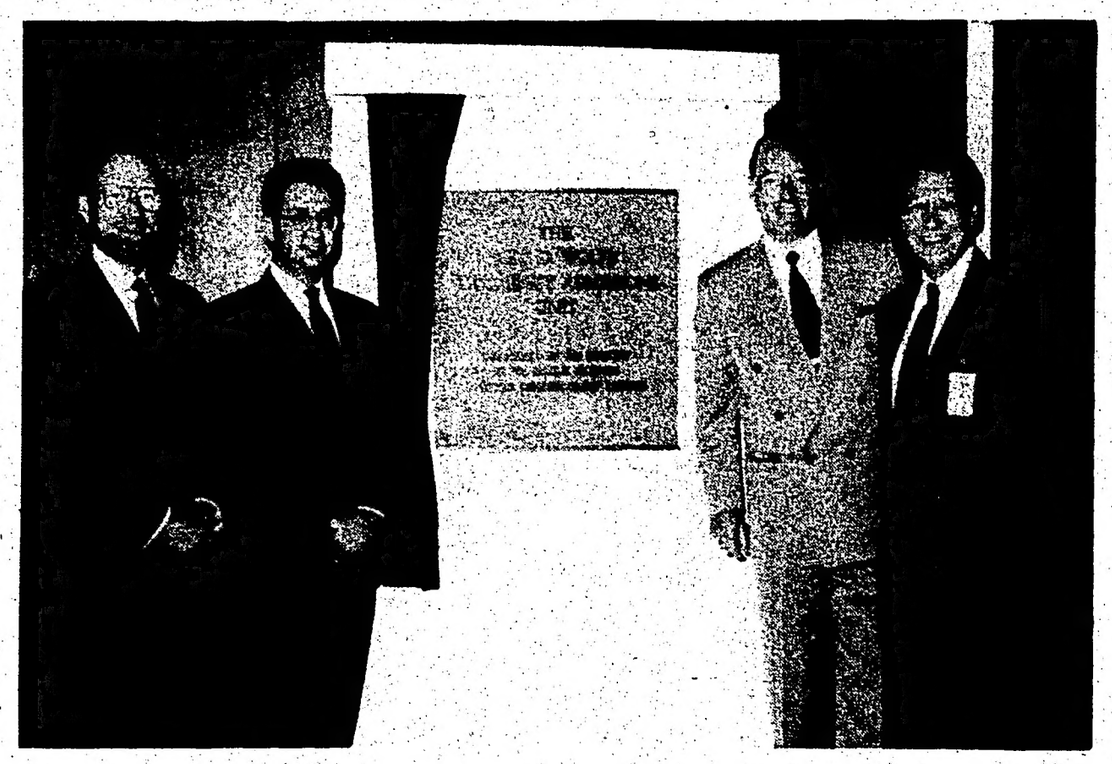
Bill Kenny, manager and special advisor of the Field Services branch of the Ministry of Culture and Communications, recently addressed the Cultural Forum, sponsored by the cultural services planning and allocations committee (CSPAC) of the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto. Present at the event were (from left) Sheldon Disenhouse, CSPAC chairman; Cyrel Troster, fine and dramatic arts sub-committee co-chairman, Kenny, and Wendy Posluns, literature and media sub-committee co-chairman. [Jay Brodbar photo].

MUSICAL EVENING

An Evening of Fine Music was presented recently when the Canadian Friends of Ezrath Nashim-Herzog Hospital in Jerusalem held the annual gala benefit concert at Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue. Pictured from left are Janice Segal, Connie Adam, Julie Koschitsky, Hindy Hirt and Lena Sugar.

GALA WEDDING

An evening was held recently at the home of Mendel and Helen Green on behalf of the Russian Jewish Commuity Centre of Toronto's gala wedding to take place Sept. 9. At this event, billed as the Happiest Day of the Year, 10 Jewish Russian couples will be married according to Jewish tradition. Proceeds will go to programs which the Jewish Russian Community Centre provides for the over 25,000 Jewish Russians living in the greater Toronto area. Seen above from left are Mark Sapir, Rabbi Yoseph Y. Zaltzman, executive director; Mendel Green, committee member; Helen Green, chairman; and Lena Shore, co-ordinator. For more information on how you can get involved, call 665-9600. [Zephyr Studios photo]



WOLFE UNIT DEDICATED

The official opening of the Ray D. Wolfe Emergency Admissions Unit of Mount Sinai Hospital was celebrated with a dedication by the Wolfe family, the Oshawa Group Ltd., and friends whose generous support made the unit a reality. The unit, situated within the Emergency Department, consists of 12 patient rooms surrounding a central nursing station. From left are Lloyd Fogler, chairman of the board, Mount Sinai Hospital; Jonathan Wolfe, president and chief operating officer of the Oshawa Group Ltd.; Allister Graham, chairman and chief executive officer of The Oshawa Group Ltd., and Gerald Turner, president and chief executive officer, Mount Sinai Hospital.

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Organizations and People

Jewish education in the home urged to combat intermarriage

By RANDI DRUZIN

TORONTO —
The Jewish community is losing many of its members through intermarriage, and parents, not religious educators, are to blame, says Rabbi Moshe Stern of Shaarei Tefillah Congregation.

"The Jewish community is older than the Chinese community, but today there are over one billion Chinese and only 14 million Jews worldwide," Rabbi Stern said recently in a lecture sponsored by the Chabad Lubavitch of Markham as part of its Jewish Journeys Intermarriage Series. "So what has happened to all the Jews? We've lost some through persecution but we've lost most of them through intermarriage," he said.

"When a Jewish child intermarries, his parents look for scapegoats," Rabbi Stern continued. "They decide he's had a less-than-adequate Jewish education, so they blame his religious teachers and his rabbi," he said. "But they should look at themselves, because a Jewish education begins in the home."

Rabbi Stern said that today many Jewish children are at a disadvantage because their parents have "a limited understanding of basic Judaism. Many parents are unable to answer their children's questions about Judaism," he said. "It's not enough for a mother to tell her daughter that special candles are lit every Friday night simply because it's been done for generations. Explaining that it's a tradition isn't a good enough answer," Rabbi Stern continued. "There must be an infusion of Jewish spirit in the home.

Rabbi Moshe Stern

"We should raise our children so that intermarriage is as far from their minds as snow in July," he said.

Rabbi Stern added that many children are confused by mixed messages from their parents. "Sometimes one parent is more observant than the other," he explained. "If one parent goes to synagogue while the other goes to the Blue Jays' game, the child doesn't know what to think. And he never fully understands the essence of Judaism."

Vancouver JCC expanding

By MAURICE LUCOW

VANCOUVER —
An $8 million expansion program which will double the size of the Vancouver Jewish Community Centre got under way last week. Completion date is scheduled for 1994.

The expanded JCC, which will occupy 9,290 square metres — the largest community-owned community centre in the Lower Mainland — will have a bigger senior activity centre, an adult day care centre, new child and day care facilities, a women's health club, a 25-metre pool and a 320-seat theatre.

It will also house a Jewish public library, a Holocaust Education and Exhibit Centre and office space for a number of Jewish community organizations including Canadian Jewish Congress, Canadian Zionist Federation and the Jewish Federation of Greater Vancouver.

The community centre was built in 1962 to serve a population of about 8,000. The population has now increased to over 25,000 Jews. A number of non-Jews also use the facilities.

The first phase of the project to be completed includes a curving, glass front entrance and three storeys of office space. The exterior finish will be of material resembling Jerusalem limestone — an adobe-colored brick.

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Handicapped achievements recognized

TORONTO — A celebration highlighting the achievements of children and adults with multiple disabilities was held recently by the Muki Baum Association which rehabilitates the multihandicapped.

The event, attended by over 500 people, was part of National Access Awareness Week. It featured expositions of the achievements and creativity of the children and adults at the association.

Marion Boyd, Ontario's minister of community and social services, presented recognition awards to two of the association's outstanding volunteers, Muki Baum and Jack Besser. Kevin Watson, president of the association, recognized corporations that support the association.

— Cynthia Gasner

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Eckler receives Canada award

TORONTO — The kovod keeps coming at the Eckler family residence, this time for the lady of the house.

Super volunteer Shirley Eckler was one of only 125 people in the Toronto area to receive Canada's Birthday Achievement Award, which acknowledges contributions to the community of outstanding individuals through volunteer and service work.

Shirley's record of service is formidable. She is currently in her 16th year of twice-weekly volunteer work at the Mount Sinai Hospital. It's estimated she's racked up about 7,000 hours of work in the hospital's emergency department as well as in its ear, nose and throat clinic in more recent years.

In 1988, she received a *Toronto Sun* volunteer award.

— Paul Lungen

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Sefer Torah dedicated

TORONTO — A new Sefer Torah has been dedicated to B'nai Torah Synagogue in memory of Holocaust survivor Asher Schusheim.

The Torah was donated by his daughter Anne Tollinsky, her sisters Pearl and Evelyn and their mother, Hanna, with 10 other families.

A scribe wrote the Torah in Israel, but left the last few letters to be completed at the shul by congregation members who, singing and dancing, carried the Torah to a nearby home for a brief dedication ceremony and then back to the synagogue.

Schusheim was born in Berlin in 1912, and detained at Auschwitz during World War II. After the war, he moved to Belgium and England before settling in Canada in 1953. He worked in construction as a contractor until 1983 and died three years later.

— Randi Druzin

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TORONTO — Toronto Transit Commission travel information is now available in 140 languages, including Hebrew, by calling the TTC's information number, 393-3646.

To provide transit information to non-English speaking customers, the TTC has linked up, on a three-month test basis, with a telephone interpretation service, the AT&T Language Line Service.

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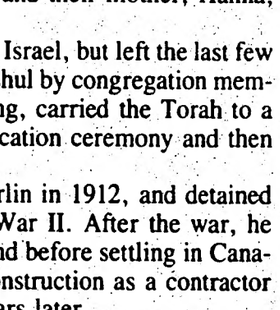
Beth Jacob teacher retires

HAMILTON — After 14 years as principal of the Beth Jacob religious school and a teaching career spanning more than 40 years, Gloria Silverman has retired.

A much loved and respected teacher, the esteem in which she is held was evident by the warmth of the tributes accorded her at the recent service at Beth Jacob Synagogue.

During her career, Silverman organized the first service-oriented program for Conservative youth in the United States and helped to build the Beth Jacob high school program in Hamilton into one of the largest synagogue-based high schools in the Conservative movement.



Gloria Silverman

Throughout it all, Silverman has been involved in Camp Ramah, serving in every capacity. For the past 13 years, she has served as educational consultant to Camp Ramah in Canada.

She was presented with a trip to Israel by the congregation.

— Moura Wolpert

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BGU offers new program

TORONTO — Ben-Gurion University of the Negev will offer a unique academic experience to the students from abroad who attend its Overseas Studies Program in the coming academic year.

The curriculum offers a wide choice of subjects, with focus on human resettlement, desert studies and community health and welfare. They will also be given the opportunity to become closely involved in Israeli life by sharing housing with Israeli students, and taking part in BGU community outreach programs.

The program in human resettlement will relate to issues of resettlement of Russian and Ethiopian imigrants, and to the changes in Negev Bedouin society from nomadic to an urban lifestyle.

The courses in desert studies will offer opportunities for individual research in desert ecology and environment, and will focus on the university's Jacob Blaustein Institute for Desert Research at Sde Boker and the Institute for Applied Research in Beersheva.

For course information, academic calendar, and admission requirements, please call Claire Horowitz, director, Ontario region, at (416) 665-8054.

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Hamilton Jews honored

HAMILTON — Two members of the Hamilton Jewish community were recently honored for their contribution to Canadian culture.

Irving Zucker was one of 15 recipients across Canada to receive the Lescarbot Award in the cultural benefactors category, while CeCe Schreiber received the same award in the volunteer category.

The award program was initiated by the federal government in recognition of the work done by volunteers in Canada's cultural institutions and to honor benefactors for their contributions.

A well-known entrepreneur and philanthropist, Zucker was recognized for his contributions to the Art Gallery of Hamilton, Theatre Aquarius, the Hamilton Philharmonic Orchestra as well as various other galleries and cultural institutions.

Schreiber, who this year becomes the first woman to head Hamilton's United Jewish Appeal campaign, received her award for her involvement in numerous arts organizations in the Burlington/Hamilton area.

— Moura Wolpert

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Grossman dinner kickoff

TORONTO — Israel's ambassador to the Court of St. James, Yoav Biran and his wife were guests at a recent cocktail reception held at the Inter-Continental Hotel. The reception was the kickoff for an upcoming dinner that will honor Allan Grossman

The dinner, which is scheduled to take place on Oct. 22 at the Beth Avraham Yoseph Synagogue, is being sponsored by Israel Bonds, B'nai Brith Canada and the Raoul Wallenberg and Yorkdale Circle Lodges of B'nai Brith.

The ambassador reiterated to the gathering of 75 invited guests that the economic challenge facing Israel is almost as formidable as the peace negotiations.

In a brief analysis of one of the newer Israel Bonds instruments now available, the U.S. or Canadian denominated variable rate issue bond, Israel Mida, an accountant at Coopers and Lybrand, pointed out three outstanding features that make the bond a winner in the marketplace today: "The combination of a guaranteed minimum return of 7.5 percent for 12 years; the ability to redeem the bond anytime after five full years, and the fact that the interest rate on the bond is adjusted upwards if interest rates rise, makes this a unique and tremendously viable product."

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Yom Hashoah service 1993

TORONTO — The Canadian Society for Yad Vashem is currently in the process of planning its annual Yom Hashoah V'Hagvurah commemoration serivce for 1993 to mark the 50th anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising.

The event will take place on Sunday, April 18 and the association is inviting the entire Ontario Jewish community to participate. An assembly will take place at Queen's Park, tentatively at 2 p.m., where a candle-lighting ceremony, kaddish and tributes will be made. A March of the Living will walk from this area to Convocation Hall at the University of Toronto where further ceremonies will take place.

The Canadian Society for Yad Vashem is extending an invitation for all organizations, synagogues, schools and landmanshafts to participate in the program.

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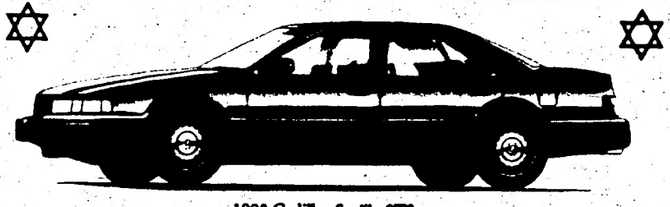

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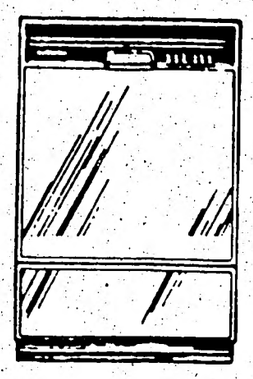

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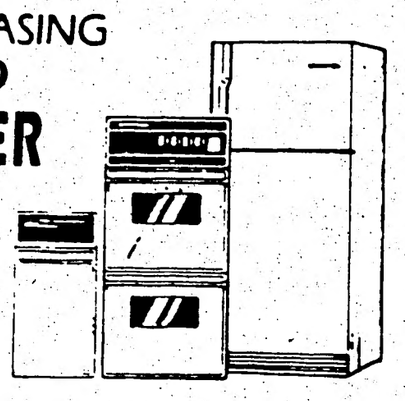

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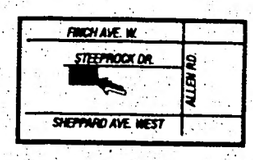

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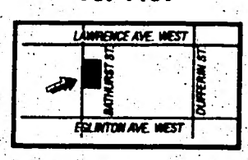

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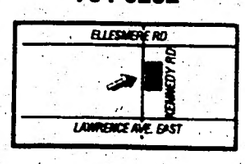

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High-tech industries key to Israel's future

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN

TORONTO —

In order to turn around its economy, Israel is retaining its primacy in agriculture but, at the same time, concentrating on high technology, says a noted journalist and author.

Michael Kerem, a writer who specializes in Israel, says that high technology industries are the way of the future for Israel. "These high tech industries are a great way for Canadian and American companies to begin joint ventures with Israel. It is a country that can be counted on because of its good labor pool full of intelligent, hard working people," he told the opening brunch of the Toronto chapter of Kupat Holim held recently at the Borochov Centre. The purpose of the brunch was to raise money for the Toronto In-Patient Cardiology Wing at Meir Hospital in Kfar Saba.

Kerem said that there are about 200,000 unemployed people in Israel "and this was reason alone for the Likid party to be defeated because they neglected the country's employment and social situation. The recent immigration wave is equivalent to about 5 million people suddenly arriving in Canada. No other country would dream of such an addition to its population in one blow."

He said that the Law of Return is a law that is unique to Israel. "It is a Jewish concept and to solve this unemployment problem, it will take a Jewish solution. Advice is pouring in from all over the world to do such things as privatize or restructure. Some people even tell us that a little unemployment is not a bad thing. We listen politely to all this advice but we cannot take it because Israel is a Jewish country and we must find solutions of our own. We cannot tell men coming out of a Jewish army that there is no job or apartment for them."

Kerem said that the New York Stock Exchange now has at least two large companies listed that have associations with Israel. "There is one company that makes the CAT scan, and another that makes specialized computers. These companies are aiding in turning around the economy and helping new immigrants. I predict that in five years we will see a new era for Israel."

Asher Porat, medical director, Meir Hospital, said that people come to the hospital from all over the country and presently there are long lineups for services. "We handle about 5,600 births a year, which is one of the most in the country. We need new facilities in order to house our patients. There are sometimes 20 percent of the patients living in the corridors. We joke that what we need are not new rooms, but rather more corridors."

Porat said that building a new ward such as the Toronto In-Patient Cardiology Wing is a huge project and he appealed to everyone to help the hospital. "A hospital in Israel is like no other in the world. It has to deal with such things as war and the pouring in of new olim, and the government is not able to help very much. I invite you to visit us and see all the things that go on in our hospital."

Artist trying to launch epilepsy support group

By CYNTHIA GASNER

TORONTO —

Reisa Gula, an epileptic who tried to hide her condition for many years, has triumphed over her seizures and would like to share her knowledge with others with epilepsy and with those close to them.

She wants to form an epilepsy support group.

Today, Gula lives a very full and creative life — but it wasn't always that way.

She is a professional calligrapher and the owner of the Calligraphy Connection, where she produces bar and bat mitzvah and wedding invitations, illuminated verses, Torah quotations, whatever clients order — all in her fine flowing script.

In 1989, she was included in an international calligraphy anthology, the *Calligraphers Engagement Calendar*. And she teaches both calligraphy and yoga.

Gula was only 7 years old when she had her first seizure. She recalls that her parents could barely deal with the situation.

Many of her activities were curtailed and she had to stay around the house. She says that she felt "abnormal and different." In those days, she reflects, "my family tried to keep the disgraceful secret."

As a teenager, Gula decided to fight back. She tried numerous ways to learn how to control her seizures and to compensate for them. She worked as a dental nurse and later as a medical receptionist.

Now in her mid 40s, the creative and multi-talented artist, whose paintings have been exhibited in galleries and purchased for both private and corporate collections says, "I am fortunate to have a loving and supportive husband, two sons, two dogs and a comfortable home."

Gula says she discovered a way to control her seizures. She always had a desire to draw and through her research, she learned about a shift of

Reisa Gula

consciousness which occurs during activities such as meditation, jogging and drawing.

These activities, she explains, produce a shift from the left to the right hemisphere of the brain — the special, visual side.

Years later, when Gula was at a social function with her husband, in the midst of repetitive seizures, she recalled the articles she had read on the shift in the brain and she went off into a corner and began to sketch.

"Within seconds, the seizures were gone and they didn't return that night," she says. "I was amazed. I could hardly believe it." The next time the seizures began, she tried drawing and again it worked.

For almost four decades, Gula has worked on a variety of methods to relieve the stress of her epilepsy. And now she wants to share her information and help others help themselves by creating a self-support network of understanding and self-help. She comments that the group will focus on both yoga, which she taught for 15 years, and art as a form of therapy.

"These would be in addition to the much needed and cathartic sharing of experiences," she adds.

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Organizations and People

Jewish labor's role in pre-war Europe focus of exhibit

By BEN ROSE

TORONTO —

The critical role that the Jewish working masses of Europe played in the Socialist International in the years before World War II is highlighted in a new exhibit that has arrived in Toronto.

It offers a glorious opportunity for young people to appreciate the significance of the Jewish Labor Movement in Eastern Europe and the Jewish Labor Bund.

It will be exhibited at the Workmen's Circle on Lawrence Avenue W., and open to the public for a week during the latter part of October, the exact dates to be announced later. Guides will be on hand for schools and other groups.

Much of this material was spirited out of concentration camps and was hidden in Paris before ending up at Bund headquarters in New York. The exhibit, which includes archival photographs, newspaper and magazine articles about the founding of the Bund, some of it sent from Israel, was compiled in Montreal.

"We're particularly anxious that students learn about the history of the Jewish working people," said Karl Langboard of the Workmen's Circle.

The exhibit includes material in Yiddish, English and French.

The dramatic photographs of crowds of Jewish workers protesting the actions of the Nazis are worth a visit alone. There are many articles about Henryk Ehrlich and Victor Alter, founders of the Bund, who were later executed in Russia on the orders of Stalin.

"What the Bund promoted then, and still promotes, is relevant to the Jewish people everywhere," Marc Rosenberg, a Bund member, told *The CJN*. "Since the Jewish people must live as a minority in other countries, whether in Canada, the United States, or South America, they must keep alive our Yiddish culture."

Despite its key role in the Socialist International, Rosenberg said that when Hitler came to power, the Bund put aside all other considerations and used its energies to save Jews. It was a leading force in the Warsaw Ghetto uprising and in other uprisings, he said.

There are still about 125 Bund members in Canada although only about 30 are active.

One item in the exhibit is a 37-minute videotape of the Bund's history and its role in the climactic events in Europe.

For information about the exhibit call Marc Rosenberg, 782-3119, or Aaron Fainer, 781-7127.

Grandparents take part in pre-school program

By LEILA SPEISMAN

MARKHAM —

The conclusion was that "in a nutshell, it was a great day," says Goldie Plotkin, pre-school director of Torah Tots Nursery School in Markham.

What she was enthusing about was the first, but not, she avows, the last bubbies and zaidys day at the school.

Plotkin explained that there are lots of special events, including Shabbes parties where the "abba" and "imma" of the week could invite one guest. But it just didn't seem enough.

So one day near the end of term, invitations went out to all the grandparents of all the students to spend a Friday morning with the children.

They took part in circle time, arts and crafts, singing, and all the other parts of a normal day, Plotkin explained.

Pictures taken

Pictures were taken of the family groups, and the children made picture frames for the grandparents to take the framed pictures home as souvenirs.

Many of the grandparents had "tears coming down" as they watched the children taking an active role in the davening, Plotkin said.

Each child served their guests with cheesecake, not only giving a thrill to both generations, but learning the mitzvah of entertaining guests.

The grandparents didn't just sit back and watch the children, Plotkin noted — they sat right down on the floor and worked and played with them.

Those who didn't have grandparents could invite an adult friend, such as an aunt or uncle, cousin, big brother or sister or, "as a last resort," Plotkin said with a twinkle, a parent.

She said that the morning was such a success that they hope to not only do it again, but to try it with parents as well.

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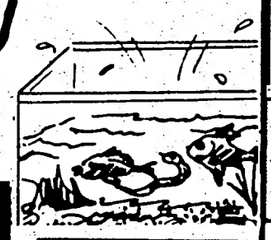

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Ahavat Achim to provide a home for seniors

By LEILA SPEISMAN

TORONTO —

Attention, kindness, genuine caring and a heimishe atmosphere will mark the Ahavat Achim Retirement Home, scheduled to open this summer at 33 Wilmington in the Bathurst Manor area.

Louise Sahar, who operates Ahavat Achim with her husband Yossi and partner Anat Porges, says she feels close to old people, and likes to make them happy.

"Many old people can't live alone any more, but they are not yet ready to be in an institution. Here it's like their own home — they are not just a number in a big home."

She says they can even bring their own furniture and personal possessions if they want to.

The home has six bedrooms, five of which are upstairs, so residents must be well enough to climb stairs.

Two large sitting rooms, a dining room, and a large, bright kitchen are decorated in light, airy colors, and filled with comfortable furniture, including a television, books and flowers.

A sukkah with a retractable roof is being renovated, and there is a large garden, where, Sahar hopes, the residents can create vegetable and flower gardens.

In the basement is a still functioning synagogue, the legacy of Rabbi Ignace Oelbaum, who led the congregation for over 30 years until his death a few years ago.

Sahar said the house stood for sale and in disrepair for over a year. When she saw it, she says, she "felt the house had a neshama, a soul."

Sahar will do the cooking and Porges the baking for the institution, which has applied for COR certification. She hopes the residents will think of Ahavat Achim as their home, and feel free to help out in the kitchen or anyplace else.

She and Porges will take the residents on errands, or to appointments. There will be a doctor on call, as well as making regular monthly visits.

Sahar and Porges have no intention of being absentee landlords — they will be there during the day. There will be a staff person on duty at night, so the residents will never be alone.

Sahar says that she has no intention of letting the residents mope in their rooms. They will be encouraged to move around and be part of what is going on.

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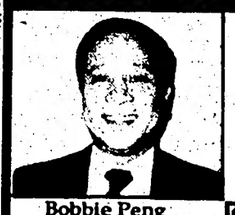
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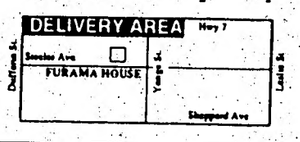

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Organizations and People

Cousins head to Olympics

By PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —

August 1 is a date that's indelibly imprinted in the minds of Dan and Larry Norman.

That's when years of hard work and daily training sessions will come to a head as the Toronto cousins don their lifejackets and dome-shaped helmets, kneel in the shallow draught allowed by their two C-1 boats and paddle like mad for an Olympic medal.

The two oarsmen will not only compete against the rowers from the likes of the United States, France and Britain, but they'll be going head to head against each other as well.

They're both entered in the white water slalom course for C-1 boats — closed one-man canoes — that will be held on a rushing river about 20 kilometres north of Barcelona. Between them, they represent two-thirds of Canada's C-1 team and one-quarter of the white water rowing contingent.

In one of the more exciting and technically challenging rowing events, the canoeists will have to negotiate their way through 25 gates suspended by wire over 500 metres of a cascading river. They get two chances at the run, with the best time, usually around 2½ minutes, winning. There's a five-second penalty for touching a gate and a 50 second, back-breaking penalty for missing one.

The Normans already know the river, though not the locations of the gates, and they know who their toughest competition will be.

So the two have adopted a goal of paddling their best on the 1st and letting the chips fall where they may.

"I don't even look at it with regard to the finish," said Larry. "I know how I want to paddle and I have a sense of the course. If I get a good run, I'll finish high."

Dan Norman (left) and cousin Larry prepare for some pre-Olympic training prior to their departure for Spain. [Paul Lungen photo]

"My attitude is similar," said Dan. "I want to cross the finish line and feel good about having the best run I can have. . . race at 100 percent of my potential on race day. If I can do that, I'll be ecstatic."

The two are clearly among the cream of world rowing. Larry, 26, finished 7th at a 1990 championship in Ljubljana, Slovenia, and is three-time Canadian champion. Dan, 27, has finished third in C-1 nationals and shared a second place finish in the two-man, C-2 boat.

That's a step or two removed from the days at Camp Kandelore in northern Ontario when the two boys were first introduced to the pleasures of canoeing.

For years they paddled in traditional open canoes, but at about age 18, Dan attended a specialized white water camp, and, "from there I was hooked." The same year he joined Canoe Cruisers club and soon was competing in provincial-calibre races.

He introduced the sport to Larry, who recalls that "when I saw what was going on, I wanted to be a part of it."

The two, who appear inseparable, opted for the one-man boats over the C-2 class, since both are right-handed. The C-1 and C-2 closed canoes, though they look more like a kayak than a traditional canoe, are distinguished from them by the single-bladed oar that's used and the fact that paddlers kneel in the canoe, while kayakers sit with legs extended in their boats.

Larry, son of Jack and the late Maxine Norman, and Dan, son of Lou Norman and Renata West, say that despite reaching the pinnacle of their sport at the Olympics, their days of competitive canoeing are probably not over.

While the financial rewards for top-level canoeists don't come close to other sports (they drive a "vintage" Volare that has to be left baking in the sun to make sure the battery is warm enough to start the car), both want to continue the sport for at least another year.

They're both quick to credit their parents for the support they've received that allows them to pursue their dreams of Olympic medals.

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In addition to the Normans, other Jewish paddlers at the Olympics to watch out for include Miriam Jerusalmi of France, world champion in the K1W — one-woman kayak.

Americans Eliot Weintraub and Joe Jacobi are both members of the country's C-2 team, albeit not as partners in the same boat.

Hamilton Bonds lunch set

By MOURA WOLPERT

HAMILTON —

They served together as co-vice-presidents of Hamilton Bonds women's division, then as co-presidents, and now, Jeaninne Sternberg and Jean Vertlieb will be honored together at the annual State of Israel Bonds women's division luncheon on Wednesday, Sept. 16, 12 noon at Adas Israel Synagogue.

The two women have been friends for many years, have served in many of the same organizations and share a lifelong commitment to Jewish and Israeli causes.

And both, though born in different countries, settled in Hamilton as young brides.

In Hamilton, both women became active in B'nai Brith Women, and both are life members of Hadassah-WIZO, where Jean is currently immediate past president of Anna Herscovitz chapter after serving two terms as president.

Both also became actively involved with the Hamilton Hebrew academy PTA when their children started school, with Jeannine remaining active even after her daughters' graduation. For several years she also tutored Russian immigrant children in English.

And both are active members of Adas Israel Sisterhood, where Jean has served three terms as co-president and Jeannine was president from 1980 to 1983.

During her term, Jeannine established the synagogue gift shop, then continued to look after it for severeal more years. She initiated a Sisterhood project of a needlepoint wall hanging of the Twelve tribes, which now hangs in the saynagogue foyer. And she was also chairperson of another Sisterhood project, the calendar and appointment book.

Currently Jeannine again heads Sisterhood, though this time as co-president with Dolly Cohen.

Both women have been involved with UJA women's division for many years, Jeannine as a a canvasser and captain, Jean as a member of the cabinet.

And besides their co-chairmanship of the Bonds campaign, Jean has served on many Bonds committees, while Jeannine is currently a member of the national board.

Guest speaker at the luncheon will be Bobbie Goldstein of Rockland County, N.Y., chairman of the Israel Bonds women's division and a member of the national cabinet.

The luncheon will be chaired by Sylvia Klein and Dr. Cheryl Greenbaum, the first mother and daughter team to head the Hamilton Bonds women's division. Vice-chairman is Stephanie McLean.

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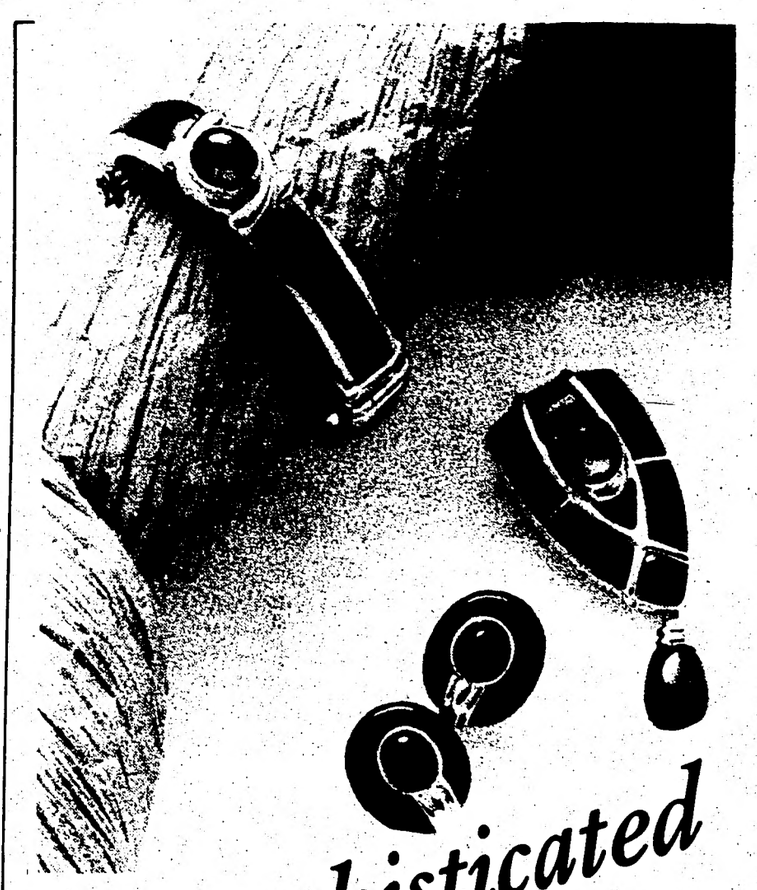

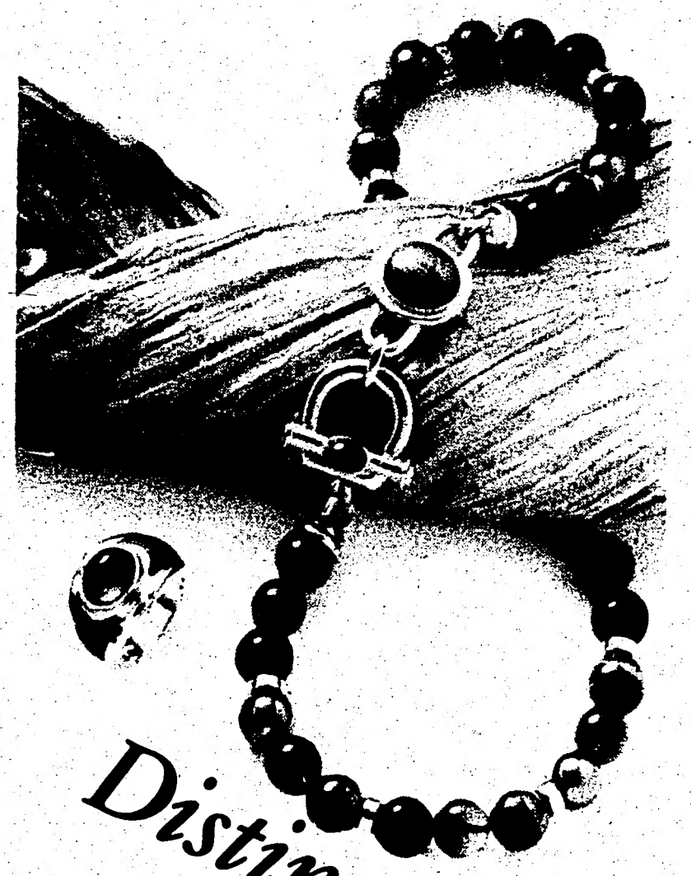

Dazzling revelations

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By
BARBARA KINGSTONE

HONG KONG —

"I appeal to people who are sophisticated and have a sense of style. If they don't feel like spending $10,000 on a piece of jewelry, they certainly can afford to spend $300 to $500 for my designs and still be given a stylish and distinctive look."

There's little question that Kal-Yin Lo has attracted world-wide recognition, not only because of price points, but for her fashionable, yet timeless designs.

Style is innate with this petite, multi-lingual Hong Kong-born designer whose name, translated, means "dazzling revelation." She is known as a connoisseur and is considered somewhat of a pioneer in the working of semi-precious stones. As well, the 40-something woman has a background in design.

In London, after studying at King's College, she worked as an interior decorator. Her credentials also include an impressive career in public relations with the internationally-known Mandarin Hotel in Hong Kong.

By 1974, while working in New York, the story goes, that on her daily meanderings, she would pass Cartier and admire the jewelry. Not a shrinking violet, she showed some of her antique jade and semi-precious stoned gold jewelry to the buyer and sold her first collection to this venerable house.

And it's in the precious stones that her reputation has been made. "I've always been inspired by colorful gems. They're my palette. I'm particularly fond of the purple of amethyst," she says.

"The colors I use have a lot to do with nature. Colors resemble earth tones and autumn leaves such as agate and also clear watery colors like crystal. In fashion, there are many vibrant colors which don't have equivalents with the semi-precious stones, so I advocate contrast."

Lo suggests wearing green stones with autumn hues and crystal and onyx, for instance, with bright ensembles. These ideas, she obviously has discussed with her soulmate, the internationally-known fashion designer, Hanae Mori.

From the small Kowloon workshop Lo has palayed her increasingly profitable private company to become a major seller to up-market stores. As a private company she doesn't release sales figures.

Always in tune with world events and happenings, Lo has diversified. "With the turn of the decade, people have become more aware of our planet. We're into preservation and a return to nature. There's a resurgence in acceptance of semi-precious stones."

Looking through her large inventory of designs there's onyx, amethyst, hematite, citrine, pyrite, garnets, jasper, malachite, African jade, moonstone, blue goldstone, blue tiger's eye, bloodstone, crystal, mother of pearl, to name a few.

Lo frankly feels that diamonds are not a girl's best friend. To her, semi-precious stones are part of everyday life and not something you should put in the vault and wait for the right occasion to wear it.

"If you lose a ruby earring, you're upset. But you won't die if you lose one of my silver vermeil pieces."

Now constantly on the move from continent to continent for personal appearances, she still oversees her 80 staff members. Lo's collections are sold across the United States, Japan and of course in Hong Kong where she has several very successful outlets. One in the Mandarin (her original shop), then there's the new Pacific Place, Peninsula Hotel and Seibu, Pacific Place.

Personal appearances take her to New York's Bergdorf Goodman, Dallas' Neiman Marcus, San Francisco's I. Magnin, Beverly Hills' Neiman Marcus and Tokyo's Mitsukoshi.

"Because I have a good understanding of the lifestyle of the modern woman who, like myself, wants to look groomed and well accessorised, my jewelry is wearable and affordable with a high emphasis on design. It's real, it has intrinsic value without breaking the bank and it's always noticed."

Keeping up with the economically different climate, Lo has a philosophy that now caters to lower price points. YLK Affinity is her latest collection which caters to a younger age group or even better, for the younger-spirited attitude. Her semi-precious stone collection is now complemented with Lumia, a collection of semi-precious stones set in silver vermeil (sterling silver plated with 18 karat gold).

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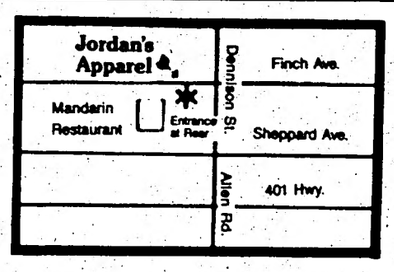

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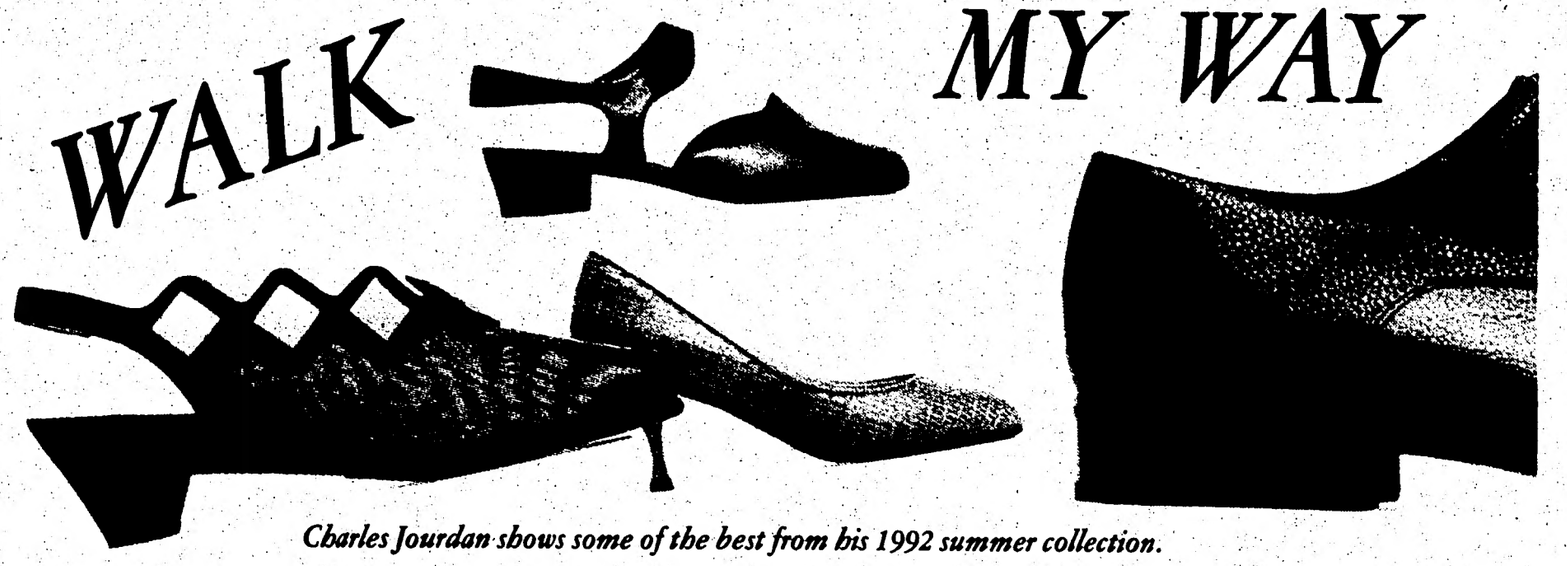

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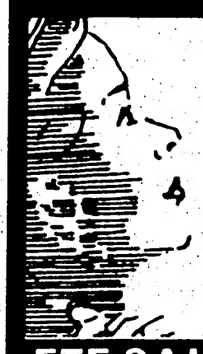

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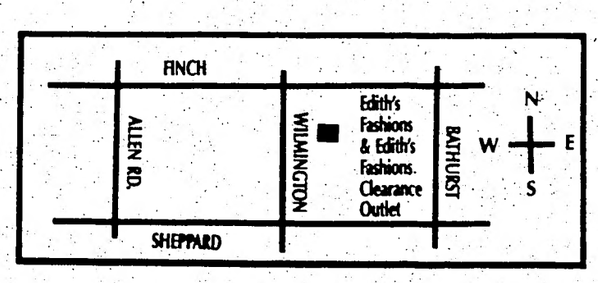

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Arts

Artists create holiday cards for ORT

TORONTO —

Women's Canadian ORT has selected the evocative paintings of three Canadian women artists for the organization's new Mazal Tov, Rosh Hashanah and all-occasion cards. The lovely designs are the creations of Rochelle Rubinstein Kaplan, Gissa Schiff and Vivian Reiss.

"As an organization whose members are Canadian Jewish women, we are very pleased to be highlighting the considerable talents of these three Canadian artists. Each of these women has a different style and a special appeal," says Irene Szylinger, a member of Toronto ORT's Business and Professional Women's chapter who is an art historian and consultant.

Rochelle Rubinstein Kaplan, who has created the Sensitive in Memoriam and Rosh Hashanah cards for Women's Canadian ORT, has had several shows in Toronto. A Toronto painter and printmaker, her work includes woodblock and linocut prints, etchings, silkscreens, embroidered and painted tapestries, multi-media drawings and paintings, plaster sculptures, collage and assemblages.

Gissa Schiff's Mazal Tov card is an abstract design in glowing colors. Schiff is an abstract artist who is known for her vibrant use of color on both canvas and paper. A former Montrealer, she has a strong commitment to art education and has been involved in the field for many years. Schiff lives and works in Toronto, is married and has two children.

Vivian Reiss, whose style is reminiscent of Matisse, has designed an all-purpose card, a floral study full of joie de vivre.

Toronto ORT's Business & Professional chapter member Irene Szylinger, an art historian and consultant, is seen here (in rear) with (from left) Vivian Reiss, Rochelle Rubinstein Kaplan and Gissa Schiff, three artists whose creations will be featured on Women's Canadian ORT's cards and hasty notes.

Toronto ORT will also be selling packages of all-purpose "hasty notes" featuring a variety of selections from the three artists' designs.

"Proceeds from the sale of these new tribute cards will go towards tuition for students in our network of 140 schools in Isreal," states Lydia London, national president of Women's Canadian ORT.

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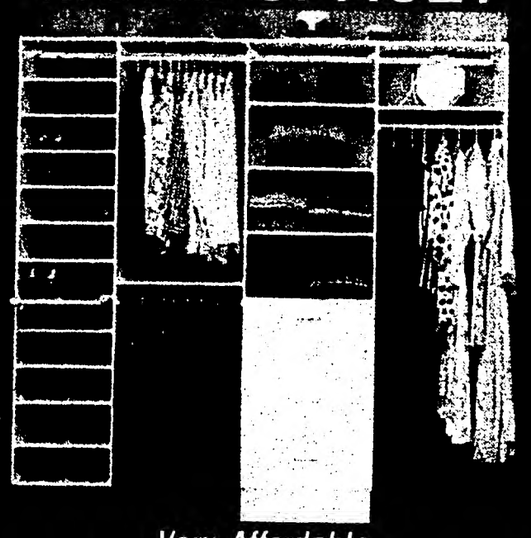
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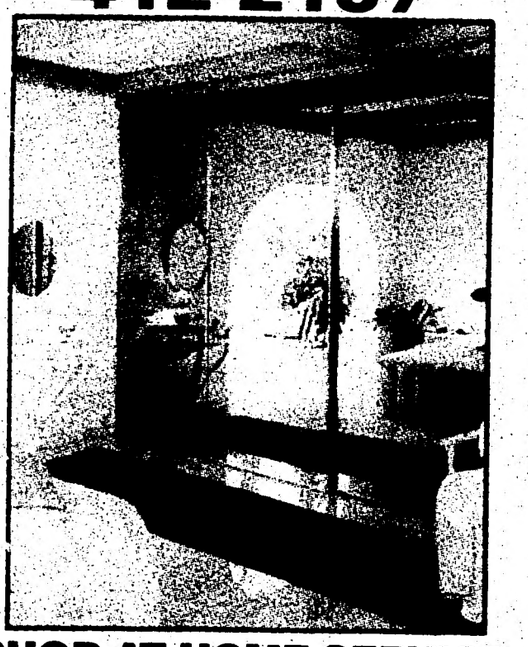
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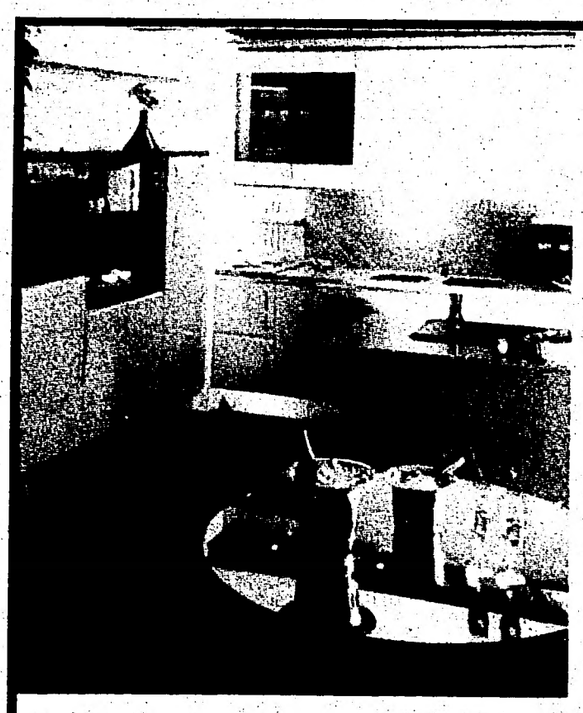
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Eye on Arts

A prestigious group of women artists have been assembled under the direction of Lynda Hill to collaborate on a new, all-female rendition of Aristophanes' *The Birds*, retitled *Cuckooland*, Aug. 12 and 13 at Earl Bales Park, as part of Skylight Theatre's August Summer Festival Series.

The story concerns two average guys who leave the super-mega power Athens in search of a peaceful, more pastoral existence. They stumble onto the land of birds, occupied by the last remaining wild birds on earth and, inspired by its beautiful, untouched humble life, they set out to create the new utopian state of Cuckooland. To do so, they employ the very same tools of imperialism that they left behind, and the birds must choose either to adapt or die.

Showtime is 7:30 p.m. Admission is free. For box office information call 392-3846.

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Toronto author Donia Blumenfeld Clenman was recently awarded the first prize in the 1992 Voices Israel Poetry Competition on the theme of environment and ecology. Her poem *And My Heart Mourns for My Ancestor* was the unanimous choice of the judges.

Voices Israel also sponsors the Reuben Rose International Poetry Competition and this year will host the XIII World Congress of Poets from Sept. 7-10 in Haifa. The theme of the congress will be Creating a World Beyond War Through Poetry.

More than 100 of Clenman's poems have appeared in journals and anthologies in Canada, the United States, England, Australia, New Zealand and Israel, along with numerous translations in other countries.

Clenman also helped establish a Hebrew Literary Circle in Toronto. The group, which meets monthly in the Albert Latner Jewish Public Library, discusses a wide range of Hebrew literature.

While the group has recently concluded its 1992 season, it will begin again in the fall.

For further information, call Kolya Shimrat at 636-1999.

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Opera Hamilton will open its 1992-93 season with Verdi's *Nabucco* on Sept. 19, 24, 26. This grand opera depicts the triumph of the Hebrew slaves over the tyrant king of Babylon.

The opera will be directed by Irving Guttman, whose prolific operatic career has spanned three decades.

For tickets, write to Opera Hamilton Box Office, 2 King St. W., Plaza Level, Hamilton, Ont. L8P 1A1 or fax (416) 527-0014.

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Preparations are underway for the 13th annual International Festival of Authors — the largest literary festival in the world — which takes place Oct. 14-24 at Harbourfront Centre.

This year's festival will include over 70 participants, representing six continents.

Among the participating authors will be Howard Engel, former journalist who gained attention as the creator of sleuth Benny Cooperman.

Since *The Suicide Murders* first appeared in 1981, Engel has featured Cooperman in five successive novels.

Tickets are available through the Harbourfront Centre box office at 973-4000.

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A number of Jewish organizations throughout Ontario were among the 226 community groups to receive Reflections '92 funding from the Ontario Ministry of Culture and Communications for the planning, creating and staging of publicly accessible heritage or arts projects marking Ontario's heritage years.

Baycrest Centre's Kanner Heritage Museum received a grant of $5,000 to mount the exhibit A Walk through the Neighborhood: Scenes from Cecil Street.

The Jewish Community Centre of Ottawa received $1,500 to organize a Jewish book fair and cultural arts festival.

The Ottawa Jewish Historical Society received $2,500 to publish a book on the settlement of immigrant Jewish families in Lowertown.

Shaar Hashomayim Synagogue in Sudbury received $4,000 to host a concert to celebrate Jewish heritage.

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The National Ballet School will hold auditions for its junior division classes on Sept. 19 at the National Ballet School's Betty Oliphant Theatre, 404 Jarvis St.

Parents are invited to watch. Junior division is for children aged 5 to 12 and no previous ballet training is required.

Interested parents should call the registrar's office at 964-3780 for information and times.

The auditions for full-time, professional ballet/academic program will take place in southern Ontario in February 1993.

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A special exhibit is being built by magicians and conjurors, for the Magic Alliance's Illusion Gallery at the Steeles West Market, 2375 Steeles Ave. W.

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The exhibit will run until Aug. 16, daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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Sunset Gang is bittersweet

By GERRY MORRIS

NEW YORK —

The Sunset Gang is a touching and bittersweet musical play about two couples in a Floridean Jewish retirement community. It is a story of love, desire and the difficulties in accepting the rigors of old age.

In Act I the focus is on Bill (Alfred Torgo) and Jenny (Chevi Colton) who are unhappy with their respective spouses. They meet and fall in love at the Yiddish Club, a place of mutual recreational pleasure. The couple have an intellectual rapport, and a shared love of the Yiddish language, that neither of their mates can understand or appreciate.

The musical is adapted from three short stories by Warren Adler that you might have seen recently as a trilogy (*Yiddish*, *The Detective*, and *Home*) on the PBS series *The American Playhouse*.

The Sunset Gang is a modest but endearing musical featuring 17 songs and a talented cast of six, who bring to life the lyrics and music which are so amiably intertwined into the story line. The versatile Chevi Colton and Alfred Torgo are extremely well-cast in the lead roles, and as the abandoned wife, Sheila Smith gives a heart-rendering treatment to the ballad *I Was A Good Wife*. Gene Varrone as the husband who is set adrift, has an equally touching moment with *You Passed Me By*. The comedic roles are well handled by Naftale (Irving Burton) and Yetta (Shifra Lerer), a married couple who derive considerable gratification extolling the pleasures of being yentas. Edward M. Cohen's direction is light-handed and tasteful.

The genuine sentiment purveyed by book and lyrics by Warren Aldler and music by L. Russell Brown set the dominant tone in this insightful musical vignette of forgotten people who refuse to grow old and die, entrapped in lives filled with compromise and discontent.

Appearing for an indefinite run at The Jewish Repetory Theatre, 344 East 14th Street, New York. For reservations call 212-505-2667.

Books

By BERNARD BASKIN

Religion & Culture in Canadian Family Law by John Syrtash Butterworths $50.00

The Torah contains only one verse on the subject of divorce: "When a man marries a woman and she fails to please him because he has found something unseemly about her, then he shall write her a bill of divorcement and give it into her hand." [Deut. 24:1]

This law speaks of a man divorcing his wife and not the other way around because in ancient days a man could have more than one wife. In a polygamous society he can take another spouse but she is not free to do likewise. Consequently, it is the husband, as the law indicates, who initiates the divorce action — even, evidently, against her will.

In order to protect the wife from frivolous or whimsical divorce procedures, the rabbis of old created the institution of the Ketubah, a marriage contract, that assures her of an adequate financial settlement.

In the 10th Century, polygamy was outlawed for Ashkenazic Jews. It also became Jewish law at that time that a woman could no longer be divorced against her will. Today, a get, as the divorce document is known, must be mutually acceptable. No elaborate grounds for divorce are necessary, incompatibility is sufficient.

Because only the husband can initiate the divorce, it is possible for unscrupulous men, either out of a desire for revenge or financial gain, to withhold the granting of a get to the estranged wife.

According to tradition, a woman who remarries without a get is considered an adulteress and her children regarded as mamzerim (bastards). Thus the granting of a get is of utmost importance to observant Jews.

John Syrtash, a Toronto lawyer and former columnist of *The Canadian Jewish News*, has written a book on Canadian family law that will be of interest to his colleagues and other professionals in the field. A portion of the volume entitled, "Jewish Divorce, Remarriage and the Problem of Consent And the 'get'" makes clear that under Ontario law, based on an earlier enactment in New York State, a spouse must swear that he or she has removed all impediments within his or her power to the remarriage of the other spouse. Thus, "Canadian family law has, since 1986, achieved legislative solutions to assist spouses in remarrying within their faith without blackmail or further control by their partners."

There have been some objections to this law, largely on the grounds that it interferes with the individuals freedom of religion or conscience and thus contravenes provisions of the Canadian Charter of Rights. The author maintains, however, that the get legislation is not the secular enforcement of a religious procedure and offers a variety of arguments to bolster his opinion.

In summing up the trends in Canadian family law, Syrtash believes that statutes and jurisprudence are moving in a multicultural direction, with increased deference for the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

Beau Jest strong on Jewish ritual

By BEN ROSE

TORONTO —

How long can a young Jewish woman deceive her parents that her boyfriend is not Jewish and is not the doctor he pretends to be?

In *Beau Jest* at Stage West theatre restaurant until Sept. 6, Sarah Goldman (Deborah Raffin) keeps up the ruse for quite awhile with the help of an actor (Don Sparks) who plays the part of her fictitious Jewish boyfriend so well he can recite the *brucha* at the Sabbath meal and rattle off the types of heart operations he has done.

He fools momma and poppa Goldman up to a point, but as is inevitable in such cases, they finally learn the truth. However, there is a happy ending, of sorts.

It's a simple story line but given the interest these days on the part of the non-Jewish community in everything Jewish, including the subject of intermarriage, it involves the audience keenly.

It is helped by a skilled performance from Sparks as the phoney boyfriend and from Paul Soles as Abe Goldman, owner of a chain of dry cleaning stores, Sarah's father. His conducting of the Passover seder at a breakneck speed will strike a familar chord with many.

One of the strengths of the play by James Sherman is that the Jewish ritual scenes (such as the seder), though humorous, are handled with dignity. It was directed by D. Lynn Meyers.

Stage West is located at 5400 Dixie Rd.

For tickets call (416) 238-0042 or toll free at 1-800-263-0684

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If you happen to be in the Big Apple this summer, you might want to check out the same "warm and winning lightweight" comedy at Lamb Theatre, 130 West 44th St. *The CJN's* Gerry Morris reports.

The six-member cast of *Beau Jest* is headed by Laura Patinkin who is most appealing as Sarah Goldman and Tom Hewitt as the actor she hires.

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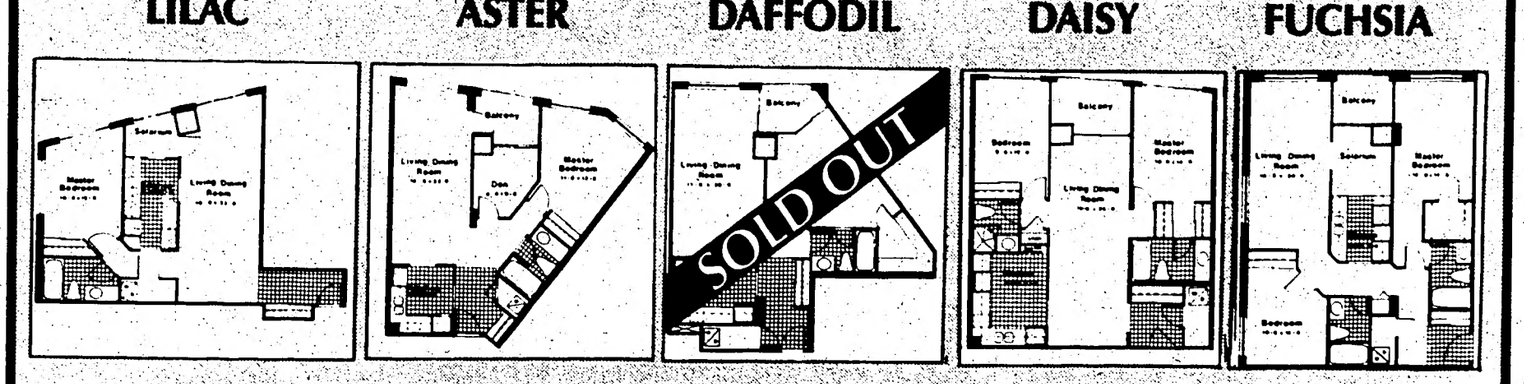

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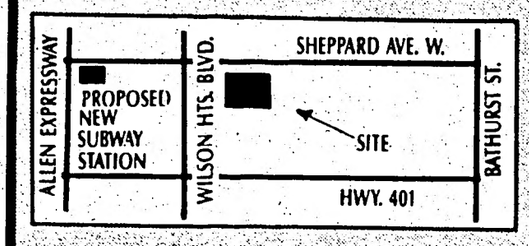

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Travel

TRAVEL TALK

By LEN BUTCHER

As you know, I don't always talk about travel in this column and today is no exception. But unlike other weeks, I want to get serious with you because I came across a situation last week that moved me to the point where I wanted to help.

It concerns a group of young Russian Jews who are separated from their families, with no money and watching a dream turn into a nightmare. I'm talking about the cast of a show called **Russians on Broadway.** You may have heard about their plight a few months ago, when, overnight, the funds that were supposed to be financing the show and paying the performers were suddenly gone and their airline tickets weren't worth the paper they were written on.

To make a long story short, some 50 members of the troupe, not all Jewish, were billeted in private homes, thanks to the generosity of the public. But that was four months ago. During that time, these friends have been separated from each other--most do not speak English--they have no money to go anywhere or even contribute to their living expenses, and worst of all, don't even have a facility to get together and practice what they do best--sing and dance.

All miss their families back in Russia, but their goal remains the same. To get the show going again so they can tour Canada. The problem is that it is difficult finding a place to perform. With no money, no-one wants to talk to you.

There is, however, a light at the end of the tunnel. **The Richmond Hill Country Club** has offered its facilities to the group to hold a benefit on Saturday night, August 15. Tickets are $25 per person before August 14 and $30 on August 14 and 15. The club is located at 8905 Bathurst St. N. in **Richmond Hill.**

Come out and support them. They need your help.

They are also looking for a place to practice and homes are still needed until they get the show on the road again. If you want any more information call me here at the paper. If you've ever been in a similar situation to what these young people have found themselves, your heart will go out to them.

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And you thought nobody read my column. Shame on you. I got a call recently from **Ruth Jacobs** of **Richmond Hill,** a delightful woman who told me that she had just returned from **Israel** and while there, had visited a kibbutz I had talked about in one of my columns.

The kibbutz was **Kibbutz Kfar Charuv** which is on the southern ridge of the **Golan Heights** overlooking **Kibbutz Ein Gev.** She said she loved it and recommended it to anyone going to **Israel.**

Ruth also supplied me with this little tidbit. It seems the **Israelis** have perfected a seedless tomato that can be picked green and takes six weeks to ripen, which means they can ship all over the world without having to refrigerate. Their biggest market at this stage is **China,** she says and who am I to question her. But there's more.

The **Israelis** are getting 20 ton of these tomatoes per acre while the **Americans** who also have a seedless tomato (is there an "e" on the end? Maybe I should call **Dan Quayle**) are reaping only six ton an acre. And **Canada?** Well, we would have a seedless tomato, but it's pretty hard to develop one without a constitution in place first.

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If you like the work of political cartoonist **Josh Beutel,** whose cartoons have appeared on the editorial pages of **The Canadian Jewish News** quite frequently, then you won't want to miss an exhibition of his works at the **Saint John Jewish Historical Museum.**

The museum is located at 29 Wellington Row in **Saint John, NB** and the exhibit runs through Sunday, Sept. 6. The exhibit is entitled **Sacred and Profane** and features a number of paintings on a mystical Jewish theme as well as additional drawings on racism and anti-Semitism.

The museum is open Monday to Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sundays 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Kosher B&B in Victoria

By MAURICE LUCOW

VICTORIA —

An Israel-born woman, who came to Canada via South Africa, operates in Victoria what is the only kosher bed and breakfast on the northwest coast, and possibly on the entire west coast right down to Los Angeles.

Lindy Shortt provides guests with glatt kosher food and does not permit them to bring in non-kosher food. While there is no mashgiach here, Shortt says "we operate on trust... our patrons trust us and we trust them." All food supplies have a hechsher and Shortt shops very carefully to make certain she gets food which is properly identified as kosher.

The Shortts (he's an eye surgeon) bought a typical Victoria Edwardian-style house several years ago and did extensive renovations to convert it for bed and breakfast. The completely separate suite for guests, with separate entrance, can sleep four or five comfortably, says Shortt, and is equipped to handle babies if they're brought along for the trip. There's also a hot tub in the main part of the house, which is available for use by guests.

A typical breakfast comprises of salad, home-made granola, home-made bread and muffins (challah on Shabbat), lox and cream cheese. As part of the package and in keeping with Victoria tradition, tea is served in the afternoon, along with home-made goodies. For those who want a snack later, there's always a bowl of fresh fruit and yoghurt.

Guests who want to make a kiddush on Shabbat are supplied with candles and wine. If they're looking for a real Shabbat dinner, they can join the family on Friday night.

The house is located close to downtown and is within easy walking distance to the synagogue.

The cost is $90 per day per couple, plus $10 for each extra person.

Guests have registered from Israel, Scotland, Alaska and parts of eastern Canada, as well as from nearby U.S. communities. "We'd like to see more people here from the east," she said, noting that many potential tourists to the west coast don't come out here because of the lack of kosher facilities in Victoria and Vancouver.

The only other place to get kosher food in Victoria is lunch at the Jewish Community Centre and at the Vancouver JCC.

To reserve at the Shortt bed and breakfast, write Lindy Shortt, 536 Linden Ave., Victoria, B.C., V8V 4G5; phone 604-383-9141.

There are synagogue services every Saturday and tourists are welcomed at Congregation Emanu-El. Visitors are often accorded an honor or an aliyah.

Beutel displays biting wit in museum exhibition

By JOEL JACOBSON

HALIFAX —

"Cartoons are strong and single-minded. Paintings are more vague," says Josh Beutel, editorial cartoonist of the *Saint John Telegraph-Journal* in New Brunswick, whose work is on exhibit until Labor Day at the Saint John Jewish Historical Museum.

Beutel, a Montreal native who has been with the Saint John newspaper for 14 years, said the cartoons on display are of relevance to Jewish issues, dealing primarily with anti-Semitism and the Malcolm Ross situation in New Brunswick.

His paintings, acrylic on board, are "spiritual abstracts" not illustrations of biblical themes but knowing the unknowable."

He said he was intrigued by the Kabbalah and "explored" some of its dimensions, looking for things beyond the surface of reality in vague rather than literal terms.

Several months ago, museum curator Marsha Koven asked Beutel to exhibit in the summer program.

"I took a few days to decide and was given the latitude to add some paintings to my cartoon work," he said. The exhibit is called Sacred and Profane and contains five paintings and 10 cartoons.

The museum, now in its seventh year, will also open a research and reading library this summer with more than 1,000 volumes in English, Hebrew, Yiddish and "a smattering of other languages."

There will also be a special section on the Holocaust donated by a Saint John woman whose husband was a child of the Holcaust. When he died, she donated his collection of books.

This year, the museum will also display Turkish artifacts, loaned by a Saint John Turkish family and commemorating the 500th anniversary of the expulsion of the Jews from Spain.

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Thanks to the generosity of hundreds of Torontonians, the United Way/Cadet Cleaners Operation Overcoat program will help make winter warmer this year.

Nearly 2,000 winter coats were collected for people in need through the five YMCA fitness facilities across Metro.

Donated coats will be cleaned and repaired by Cadet Cleaners this summer. United Van Lines (Canada) has provided a moving van to collect the coats and will help distribute them to United Way agencies in the fall. The coats are currently being stored by Dylex Ltd.

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Fay Goldstep, DDS, of Markham is among the first dentists to complete the most comprehensive postgraduate program in esthetic dentistry in North America, it was announced recently at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland.

According to course director George Freeman, DDS, these dental procedures are increasingly in demand.

Case Western's postgraduate program in esthetic dentistry was designed to teach these procedures to practicing dentists who did not have the opportunity to learn them in school. Because it took place one weekend per month over six months, the program never interfered with Goldstep's on-going practice.

For more information about the certified Case Western program, contact Angela O'Mara at (714) 760-1522.

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At a Toronto annual meeting recently, Cott Corp. chairman Gerald Pencer was all smiles.

Not only did he report record sales and profits for the soft drink company's shareholders, but he also introduced Heather Reisman as the newly appointed president of Cott.

He promised that Reisman, founder and managing director of Paradigm Consultants, would provide "New Age thinking" to the company.

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Avi Kenet has been appointed marketing and sales manager for Avis Rentacar Israel.

Kenet, a graduate in economics and psychology from Haifa University, joins Avis from a previous position as Unitours' marketing and sales manager. In the past, he has served as Galilee Tours' New York branch manager.

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Immigrants to Israel from the Chicago area will benefit from a special loan fund established recently by the Jewish Federation of Chicago and Bank Hapoalim.

A fund of $200,000 has been created which will be increased annually by $200, 000 to reach $2 million. Loans of up to $10,000 each will be provided to former Chicago residents for family or business needs, offered without guarantors and with the interest subsidized by the Jewish Federation.

The Association of Americans & Canadians in Israel (AACI) is acting as representatives of the fund to approve applicants who then may complete the loan through any branch of Bank Hapoalim.

Israel's largest financial institution with more than $36 billion in assets, Bank Hapoalim maintains 351 branches in Israel and 15 other countries.

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From April 27 to May 30, Hazelton Lanes was home to a nine-hole mini-golf course, designed by a variety of Canadian artists. During these five weeks, 1,800 visitors played the golf course and their "green fees" raised a total of $5,500 for ABC Canada.

ABC Canada is a non-profit organization working towards the elimination of illiteracy in Canada.

Golfers were also given the opportunity to vote for their favorite artistic golf hole to receive the People's Choice Award. The winner is artist Jannette Anderson whose mini-golf hole, Celebration, was a tribute to Canadian history, geography and wildlife.

Celebration incorporated beavers, totem poles, prairie scenery, flags from every province and territory, as well as a huge cake honoring Canada's 125th birthday.

For creating the public's favorite mini-golf hole, Anderson received $1,000 from Hazelton Lanes.

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Pinnacle Worldwide announced the election of its executive board at its recent meeting in San Diego.

They are chairman, Paul Fullmer (Selz, Seabolt & Associates, Inc., Chicago); president, Marc Servoss (Servoss Public Relations Inc., Denver); and secretary, David Eisenstadt (The Communications Group Inc., Toronto). Deanne Roberts (Roberts Communication & Marketing Inc., Tampa) remains treasurer.

The new board will assume its duties in September.

Pinnacle Worldwide is an international corporation of independent public relations firms with 46 offices around the world.

CORRECTION

In the advertising feature that appeared in the July 23 issue of *The CJN*, the lead on the New Parkwood Central piece was incorrect.

Instead of reading "It's not just lip service. The New Parkwood Central demonstrates what they profess and for customers this means more than just a friendly smile — although they get that too." it should be "For customers this means more than just service with a smile. Although, they get that too."

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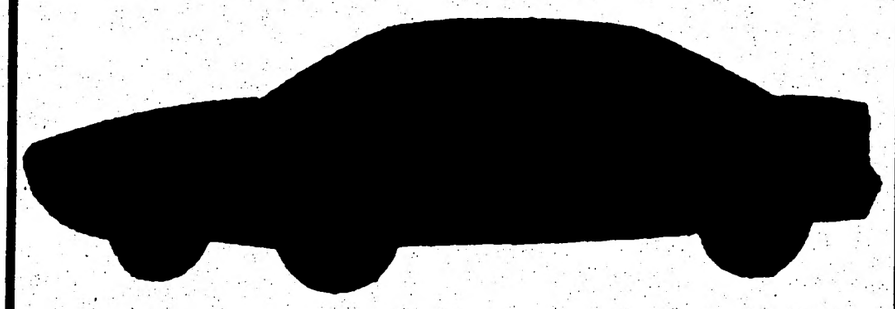

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By CYNTHIA GASNER

TORONTO —

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Eisen, who was recently installed as the president of Women Entrepreneurs of Canada, which is affiliated with Les Femmes Chefs de Enterprise Mondiales, an international organization with members in 32 countries, revolutionized the concept of bathrooms 30 years ago with her bathroom store called Gingers.

Recently, she opened Ginger Eisen's Bathrooms for the Physically Challenged. The shop is located on the lower concourse of Hazelton Lanes at 87 Avenue Rd. It is the first store of its kind to specialize in providing bathroom products and design services for people with special needs.

"The objective of the new store is to help people handicapped by age or illness live an independent life," says Eisen. "All products have been carefully selected to enhance a challenged person's quality of life and to encourage people to remain independent."

She notes that she has selected "new and existing bath products that are accessible, attractive and designed to fit in the standard bathrooms of houses, apartments and condominiums."

Ginger Eisen

At the 2,100-square-foot bath boutique for able-bodied and physically-challenged people, sales consultants and therapists work closely with consumers and designers to explain how particular products are designed to meet their special needs.

They also advise on redesigning bathroom space for physically-challenged people and their families. Eisen will be conducting workshops with resource people in government, hospitals and industry on a variety of issues relating to the physically challanged.

An energetic septuagenarian who starts each day with a mile-long walk in Yorkville, Eisen is a role model for women in business. She says, "In the market today, you have to be doubly motivated to succeed and women with a positive attitude can achieve that." Her own attitude and experience are proof of that.

Combining the latest technology to meet special needs with contemporary colors and styles to enhance bathroom decor, the store features innovative bath products including soft bathtubs that cushion the body, adjustable sinks for people in wheelchairs, padded bath and shower seats and chairs that mount on the wall and fold out of the way when not in use.

There are specially-designed shower nozzles and showers equipped with multiple heads so that the water pressure may be controlled by people such as stroke patients. To prevent scalding, thermostatic valves in shower heads keep the temperature within a two degree range. And there are skid-free ceramic floor tiles and special angled mirrors and wall coverings.

Eisen says that she wants to stimulate Canadian business and manufacturing opportunities so that equipment can be produced here in Canada, as most of the equipment is now imported.

"Well-designed equipment that is suited for physically challenged people," adds Eisen, "should be comfortable, safe and attractive for all the other members of the family.

"It should be easily combined with other equipment which reinforces the message of living independently with dignity and flare."

CAA cites vacation budget tips

A family of four vacationing by car this summer in Canada should budget an average of $204.80 a day for food and lodging plus $41.50 for each 500 kilometres of driving, the Canadian Automobile Association (CAA) reports.

Average lodging and meal expenses are based on rates and prices for more than 2,200 CAA/AAA inspected and approved lodgings and restaurants in CAA/AAA tourbooks and include the GST. Lodging rates used by CAA include a $5 daily charge per child although some establishments do not charge for children. Dining expenses represent three meals per day and include a variety of restaurant types.

The CAA says a family of two adults and two children can expect to spend $94.57 a day for lodging and $110.23 a day for meals. There are significant regional differences in lodging and food costs.

Vacation costs depend on a family's preference and budget, but higher costs can be expected during popular travel periods and near large metropolitan areas. Families should also make provision for out-of-pocket expenses which include any entertainment or recreational activities. A CAA membership will frequently provide substantial discounts for these types of activities at many facilities.

Meal costs can be reduced by having the main meal at mid-day to take advantage of lower lunch prices, picnicing or enjoying "early bird" dinner specials.

Where motoring is concerned, the family can expect to pay $8.30 for each 100 kilometres driven. CAA's driving budget is based on a Chevrolet Cavalier with an automatic transmission driven 24,000 kilometres per year. The budget includes gasoline and oil, maintenance and an allowance for tire wear. These costs will vary according to the fuel economy of individual vehicles.

Motoring expenses are based on figures currently being compiled for inclusion in the CAA publication *1992 - 1993 Car Costs* which will soon be available at most CAA offices. The 3.5 million-member CAA is the federation of all not-for-profit provincial and regional motor clubs in Canada.

Lifestyle Advertising Feature

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3+1 bdrm lux. townhome backing onto ravine, fam rm, fin. bsmt,, sauna & more!

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1 storey & half, LR/DR plus den, new Bath, new kitch, 2 bdrms upstairs $229,000

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Ideal starter! $239,500, spac. 3 bdrms, 2 baths, 2 kits, appls, fin bsmnt, gar.

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FINCH OVERBROOK
Lge split-lvl, 3 bdrms, den, 3 baths, huge liv & din, fin. lower lvl, dbl gar., lge lot.

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WILSON HGHTS SHEPPARD
4 bdrm back-split, liv & din. comb., fin. bsmnt., dble drive, gar.

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6 Condominiums For Sale

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Bathurst/Baycrest - 2 bedrooms, 2 baths. Parking. 789-1341. 10863

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- **85 SKYMARK.** 3 bd., $399,900. David Kadis, 731-7111.
- **65 SKYMARK.** 1,889 sq. ft., $349,900. Karen Ganz, 731-7111.
- **7250 YONGE ST.** 2 bd., 1,500 sq. ft., Evelyn Pollock, 731-7111.
- **115 ANTIBES.** 3 bd., balc., $179,900. Fran Kieselstein, 731-7111.
- **7440 BATHURST.** 2 bd. + sol. $165,900. G. Hazin, 731-7111.
- **8501 BAYVIEW.** 2 bd., balc., $165,250. E. Pollock, 731-7111.
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7 Condominiums For Rent

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Bathurst/Lawrence - Large 1 bedroom basement. Private entrance, driveway. $420. 781-1368. 10859

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19 Cottages For Rent

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Steinbok, Jacob on July 1, 1992.
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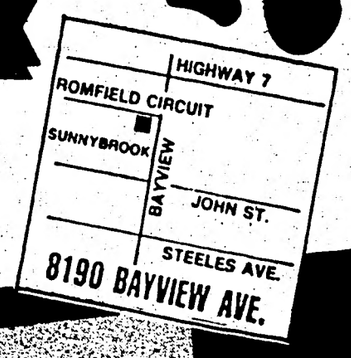

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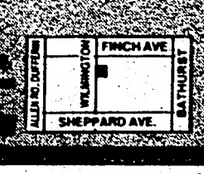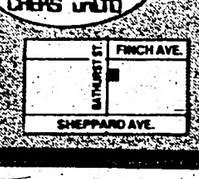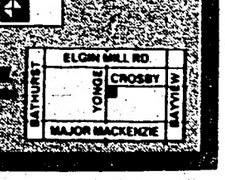
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